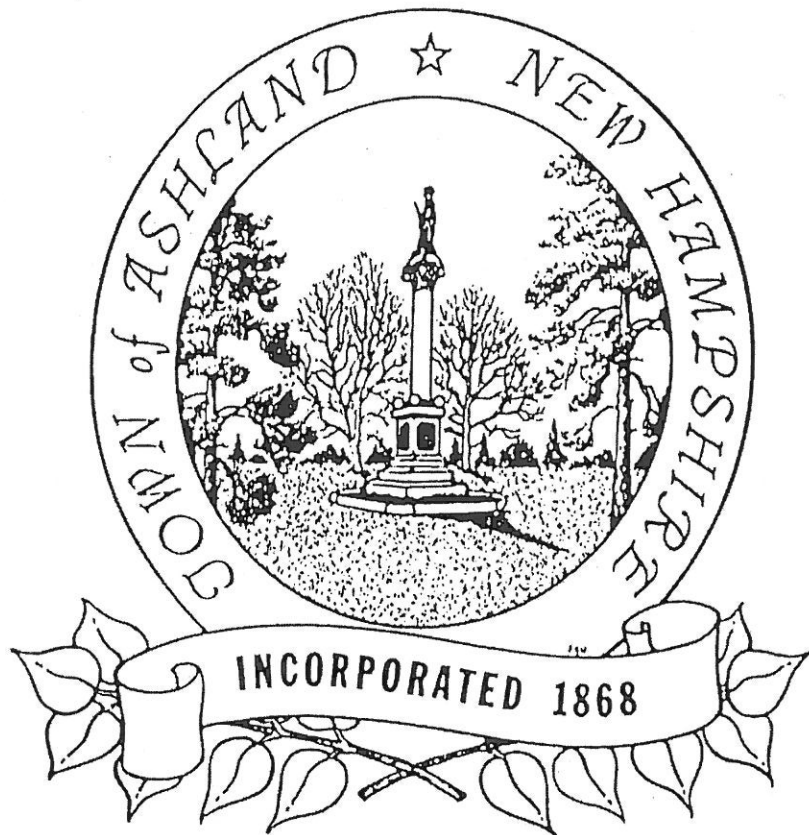


# ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF ASHLAND  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2016

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## **We Remember.....**

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when life is done,  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing  
Times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who  
Grieve, to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

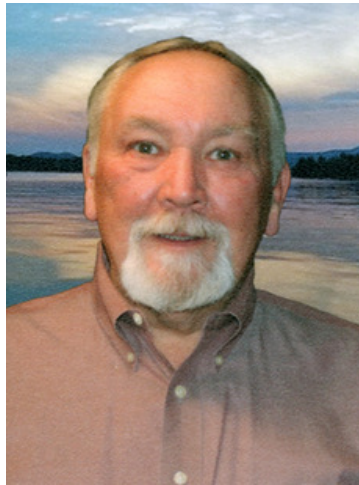
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**With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year -**

Edwin Engborg  
Phylliss Hodsdon  
Donald Bump  
Guinevere Newton  
James Stewart, Sr.  
Brett Beede  
Bert Hill  
Eric Pelino  
Craig Pearson  
Normand DeWolfe  
Vernon King  
Phillip Gallagher  
Paul Benjamin  
Madeleine Prince-Forcier  
Barbara MacKay  
Ciro Scognamiglio, Jr.

## DEDICATION

### *Normand DeWolfe*



<sup>1</sup>Norm and Kathleen moved here from New Durham May 2002. They chose to live here and sold their property in Vermont and Groton, NH because Norm loved the location near the lakes, rivers and mountains, yet accessible to the highway. The area brought him great joy as he went canoeing and watching ospreys along the Pemigewasset River, fished off his boat on Little Squam Lake and blazed trails in the beautiful lands in and around Ashland on his snowmobile.

He was known to many as the pharmacist from Rite Aide in Plymouth. He was then tapped to fill a vacancy on the Ashland Board of Selectmen. He quickly demonstrated his inspiring leadership and dedication to the town. He later became chair of the board and never missed a meeting. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the meetings addressed the many issues and concerns of the town. He carefully tracked the town's finances to ensure that the budget was on track. He looked for new and creative ways to do business or explore ways to improve the town's economic outlook. He addressed citizen concerns with a listening ear and an open mind. He was always firm and fair.

The Board of Selectmen admired and respected him and he set the standards for transparency and ethical behavior. He gave so much time and energy to the town. He could have spent more time on his boat casting a line, more time on his snowmobile blazing trails, more time relaxing and enjoying life. But he chose to go to every committee or commission meeting, sometimes two in a day. He attended most of the town functions. He was always a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and the cleanup the day after the fireworks, honoring citizens with the Boston Cane, attending the Community Garden ribbon cutting, and spent hours at the polls on election days. Norm demonstrated his love and passion for this town on a daily basis. He inspired the many volunteers who continue to give time and energy to making Ashland a better place in which to live. To that end, the town will have a volunteer day on July 30, which was the date of Norm and Kathleen's wedding anniversary, in memory and honor of him.

The Town of Ashland lost Norm on August 4, 2016. We thank him for his service. We miss him. And we will never forget him.

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## **TOWN OF ASHLAND 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Years Day	Monday	January 1, 2017
President's Day	Monday	February 20, 2017
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2017
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2017
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2017
Columbus Day	Monday	October 9, 2017
Veterans' Day	Friday	November 10, 2017
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2017
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 24, 2017
Christmas	Monday	December 25, 2017



# Ashland, NH

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Web Site	<a href="http://www.ashland.nh.gov">www.ashland.nh.gov</a>
Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm</b>
County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Plymouth, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Lakes</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Lakes Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 2</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County Districts 9, 17</b>

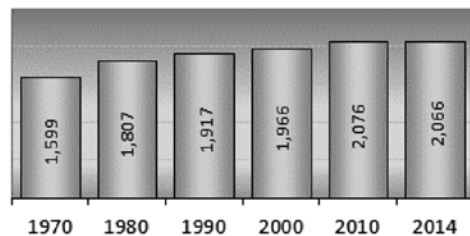
**Incorporated:** 1868

**Origin:** Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 885 residents in 1870

**Population Trends:** Population change for Ashland totaled 593 over 54 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 2,066 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent



increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2014 Census estimate for Ashland was 2,066 residents, which ranked 137th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 182.5 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, August 2016. Community Response Received 7/20/2016

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016		\$6,397,175	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017		\$3,220,631	
Zoning Ordinance		1985/10	
Master Plan		2014	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Ashland Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		On-Call	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		7 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Ashland Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ashland Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		BayRing; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.97	
2015 Equalization Ratio		100.1	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.72	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		15.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units		1,384	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		770	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		295	
Five or More Units in Structure		237	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		82	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	2,066	89,360	
2010	2,076	89,118	
2000	1,966	81,826	
1990	1,917	74,998	
1980	1,807	65,806	
1970	1,599	54,914	
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014			
Population by Gender			
Male	885	Female	1,181
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	209		
Age 5 to 19	236		
Age 20 to 34	537		
Age 35 to 54	363		
Age 55 to 64	313		
Age 65 and over	408		
Median Age	37.7 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	90.9%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.9%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	\$21,836		
Median family income	\$51,250		
Median household income	\$41,658		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$38,790		
Female	\$26,472		
Individuals below the poverty level	13.9%		
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	1,079	1,149	
Employed	1,051	1,099	
Unemployed	28	50	
Unemployment rate	2.6%	4.4%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	156	272	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 621	\$ 749	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	480	481	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 631	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	636	753	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 530	\$ 674	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	87	85	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 559	\$ 710	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	722	838	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 533	\$ 677	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)</b>				District: <b>SAU</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>				Region: <b>5</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>				
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>				
Total Enrollment	<b>145</b>				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> ( <i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i> )			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>3</b>
	State Routes		<b>132, 175</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit			<b>I-93, Exit 24</b>
	Distance		<b>Local access</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Plymouth Regional</b>	Runway	<b>2,380 ft. turf</b>	
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>52 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>54 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>89 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>106 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>302 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>217 miles</b>	

<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>	<b>(ACS 2010-2014)</b>
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>2.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>7.9%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>19.4 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>20.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>79.2</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>0.4</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Loon, Waterville, &amp; Ragged Mountains</b>
	Other: <b>Little Squam Lake</b>

<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS</b>		
<b>Town Administrator</b>	Charles Smith	
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Patricia Crowell	
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Frances Newton [2018]	Kathleen Maher [2017]
	Leigh Sharps [2018]	Stephen Felton [2017]
	Harold Lamos [2019]	
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Jennifer Correia	
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	Patricia Tucker [2018]	
<b>Deputy Town Clerk/Collector</b>	Anne Abear	
<b>Assistant Clerk/Collector</b>	Patricia Crowell	
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Linda Guyotte [2017]	
<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	Linda Eastman	
<b>Town Moderator</b>	Glenn Dion [2017]	
<b>Trustees of the Trust Funds</b>	Richard Pare [2017]	Thomas Peters [2018]
	Mark Ober [2019]	
<b>Library Trustees</b>	David Ruell [2017]	Mardean Badger [2018]
	Alice Staples [2019]	
<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>	Beverly Ober [2018]	Therese C.D. Linden [2020]
	Patricia Bickford [2022]	
<b>Budget Committee</b>	David Ruell [2019]	Roberta Hoerter [2018]
	Mardean Badger [2017]	Jeanette Stewart [2017]
	Sherrie Downing [2018]	Christine Cilley [2017]
<b>Park/Recreation</b>	Ann Barney -Director	Barbara Sharrow
<b>Public Works Department</b>	Timothy Paquette- Director	Daniel Thompson
	George Chase	
<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>	Henry Shinn	Daniel Vachon
<b>Town Mechanic</b>	Lee Huckins	
<b>Fire Department</b>	Stephen Heath - Chief	Robert Bousquet - Deputy
<b>Electric Commissioners</b>	Daniel Vaughn [2017]	Sandra Coleman [2018]
	David Fucarile [2019]	
<b>Electric Department</b>	Lee Nichols	Dale Weeks
	Garrett Coutu	Linda Pack
	Paul Rossi	Karen Wheeler
<b>Water/Sewer Commissioners</b>	Ellison Badger [2017]	David Toth [2018]
	Alan J. Cilley [2019]	
<b>Utility Partners</b>	Russell Cross	Mark Daniels
<b>Police Department</b>	Chief Anthony Randall	Lt. William R. Ulwick
	Sgt. Daniel Hamilton	Patrolman Bruce Cote
	PT Patrolman David Waterbury	Adm/Officer Donald Marren
	PT Patrolman Eli Schaffner	Adm/Officer Cecil Cooper
<b>Planning Board</b>	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	Marden Badger [4/30/2018]
	Cheryl Cox [4/30/17]	Frances Newton [BOS Rep]
	Carol A. Fucarile [4/30/17]	
<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	Ellison Badger [4/30/2018]	Susan McLeod [4/30/15]
	Timothy Sweetsir [4/30/17]	Tejasinha Sivalingam [4/30/18]
<b>Health Officer</b>	Frances Newton [12/29/2018]	Charlie Smith - Deputy
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Ashland Police Department	
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Stephen Heath	Lee Nichols
<b>Scribner Memorial Trustees</b>	Alfred Salvoni [4/30/17]	Richard Ogden [4/30/2018]
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Susan McCormack	Patricia Crowell - Assistant
<b>Building Inspector/</b>		
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	Albert LaPlante	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Amanda Loud [4/30/2017]	Harold Lamos [4/30/2017]
	Kathleen DeWolfe [4/30/2019]	Walter Durack [4/30/2018]
<b>Pemi Baker Solid Waste</b>	Timothy Paquette	George Chase

<b><i>Housing Standards Board</i></b>	Kendall B. Hughes [4/30/2017]	Kathleen Maher [4/30/2018]
	HO Frances Newton	FC Stephen Heath
<b><i>Memorial Park Trustees</i></b>	Mark Liebert [4/30/2019]	Stephen Jaquith [4/30/2017]
	Liz Stevens [4/30/2017]	
<b><i>Joint Loss Management</i></b>	Patricia Crowell [4/30/2018]	George Chase [4/30/2017]
	Craig Moore [4/30/2018]	Timothy Paquette [4/30/2019]
	BOS Rep Harold Lamos	Daniel Hamilton [4/30/2019]
	Paul Rossi [4/30/2019]	
<b><i>Capital Improvement Comm</i></b>	BOS Rep Stephen Felton	Kendall B. Hughes [4/30/2017]
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	David Toth [4/30/2017]
	Ingrid Heidenreich [4/30/2017]	
<b><i>Cemetery Trustees</i></b>	Sherrie Downing [2017]	Anthony Hoerter [2018]
	Kyle Baert [2017]	
<b><i>Ashland 150th Committee</i></b>	Kendall B. Hughes [12/31/2018]	Katie Maher [12/31/2018]
	Caroline Gosse [12/31/2018]	Bob Baker [12/31/2018]
	Alisha Wendelboe [4/30/17]	Jane Sawyer [12/31/2018]
	Jeanette Stewart [12/31/2018]	
<b><i>Heal Steering Committee</i></b>	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	Frances Newton [4/30/2018]
	David Toth [4/30/2018]	
<b><i>Economic Development</i></b>	Jill White [4/30/17]	Benoit Lamontagne [4/30/2018]
	Cheryl Cox PB Rep [4/30/2017]	Stephen Felton-BOS Rep [2017]
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	
<b><i>Transportation Advisory</i></b>	David Toth [6/15/2019]	Carol Fucarile [6/15/2018]
	Timothy Paquette [6/15/2019]	Leigh Sharps [6/15/2018]
	Walter Durack [6/15/2017]	Eli Badger [ 6/15/2018]
	Frances Newton [6/15/2018]	
<b><i>LRPC -Transportation Adv</i></b>	Eli Badger	David Toth
	Timothy Paquette	
<b><i>Heritage Commission</i></b>	Kathleen Maher [4/30/2018]	David Ruell [4/30/2017]
	Kathleen DeWolfe [4/30/2018]	Leigh Sharps - BOS Rep
	Susan MacLeod [4/30/2018]	

## STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

### GOVERNOR

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# 2016 ELECTION RESULTS





TOWN OF ASHLAND  
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DAY  
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The polls were opened by Moderator Hoerter at 8 AM and it was declared that the polls would close at 7 PM. Absentee ballots were to be cast at 1 PM.

Election officials present during the day were Moderator Bobbi Hoerter; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman; Selectmen Normand DeWolfe, Stephen Felton, Philip Preston and Leigh Sharps; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Deputy Town Clerk Anne Abear; Assistant Town Clerk Patricia Crowell; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Patricia Dame, Patricia Heinz, Patricia Mazzone, Joseph Mazzone; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Patti Bickford and Terri Linden.

Statistics at the start of the day	Checklist 1425
	Rep 407
	Dem 297
	Und 721

Statistics at the end of the day	Checklist 1519
	Rep 474
	Dem 360
	Und 685

Ballots Cast	848
Percentage Voting	56%



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Candidate Return of Votes - REPUBLICAN

At the Presidential Primary Election in Ashland (Ward —), County of  
GRAFTON the votes of inhabitants present and qualified to vote were as follows:

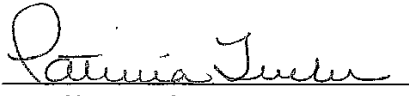
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES	
Candidates	Total Votes
Tim Cook	0
Ted Cruz	47
Brooks A. Cullison	0
Matt Drozd	0
J. Daniel Dyas, Sr.	0
Carly Fiorina	21
Jim Gilmore	0
Lindsey Graham	1
Mike Huckabee	0
Kevin Glenn Huey	0
Walter N. Iwachiw	0
Bobby Jindal	0
John R. Kasich	89
Frank Lynch	0
Robert L. Mann	0
Andy Martin	0
Stephen John McCarthy	0
Peter Messina	0
George Pataki	0
Rand Paul	2
Chomi Prag	0
Joe Robinson	0
Marco Rubio	44
Rick Santorum	0
Donald J. Trump	178
Richard P.H. Witz	0
Jeb Bush	39
Ben Carson	16
Chris Christie	36
Stephen B. Comley, Sr.	0

**Instructions**

Indicate the number of votes received by each candidate on **Republican** ballots next to their name. Record all write-in votes on the reverse side of this form. If candidates printed on the **Republican** ballot receive write-in votes, add that number to the total on this side of the return.

February 9, 2016

A true copy, attest:

  
Signature of Town/City Clerk

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Candidate Return of Votes - DEMOCRATIC

At the Presidential Primary Election in Ashland (Ward —), County of  
GRAFTON the votes of inhabitants present and qualified to vote were as follows:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Candidates	Total Votes
Steve Burke	0
Hillary Clinton	102
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0
Eric Elbot	0
Bill French	0
Mark Stewart Greenstein	0
Henry Hewes	0
Brock C. Hutton	0
Keith Judd	0
Lloyd Kelso	0
Steven Roy Lipscomb	0
Star Locke	0
Robert Lovitt	0
William H. McGaughey, Jr.	0
Raymond Michael Moroz	0
Edward T. O'Donnell, Jr.	0
Martin J. O'Malley	0
Bernie Sanders	271
Graham Schwass	0
Sam Sloan	0
Edward Sonnino	0
Michael A. Steinberg	0
Vermin Supreme	0
David John Thistle	0
James Valentine	0
Richard Lyons Weil	0
John Wolfe	2
Jon Adams	0

Instructions

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# ANNUAL REPORT



## TOWN OF ASHLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2016

# INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2075

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

LAT 43.695°N LON 71.631°W

ELEVATION 551'

TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

CABLE – TIME WARNER

TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

HOURS – MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4, THURS 8-5

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – FRIDAY 7:30 – 12:00

## WELFARE OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE – PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-9032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

## OUTSIDE AGENCIES

FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY CENTER	968-9698
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH		536-2232
ASHLAND POST OFFICE		968-7511
FUEL ASSISTANCE – TRI COUNTRY CAP		968-3560



TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 30, 2016

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Bobbi Hoerter called the Deliberative Session to order at 1 PM. Officials at the head table were Selectmen Normand DeWolfe, Stephen Felton, Philip Preston, Frances Newton and Leigh Sharps; Attorney Walter Mitchell; Finance Officer Brenda Paquette; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau; Assistant Moderator Sandra Coleman; Budget Committee Members David Ruell, Harold Lamos, Glenn Dion and Moderator Bobbi Hoerter.

**ARTICLE 1- ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Moderator Hoerter read the slate of officers -**

Board of Selectmen-3 year term-1 position	Harold Lamos
Town Moderator – 2 year term – 1 position	
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds-3 year term – 1 position	Mark W. Ober
Library Trustee-3 year term – 1 position	Alice Staples
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term – 1 position	Patti Bickford
Electric Commissioner-3 year term – 1 position	David Fucarile
Water and Sewer Commissioner-3 year term - 1 position	Alan Cilley
Budget Committee-3 year term-3 positions	David Ruell
Cemetery Trustee-3 year term - 1 position	

**Article 2 [separate zoning ballot]**

Question 1 – Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows?

Clarify and reorganize the chart in Article 2.3c.

Question 2 - Are you in favor of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the existing Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.2a, entitled, Zone Regulations, Commercial as follows?

[The language change is in *italic characters*:]

**2.2 Zone Regulations**

**2.2a Commercial:** The purpose of this zone shall be primarily for retail and service type shopping facilities, facilities, offices, and banking facilities. The area shall provide access parking, adequate lighting, good design, and similar related items for convenience and safety. The following uses are permitted:

- Stores and shops for the conduct of any wholesale or retail business

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk





of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. (60% Majority vote required).

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-1

Budget Committee does not recommend this article 6-3

**Presentation made by Library Trustees Staples and Badger, David Ruell explained the need for the override of the 10% limitation statement; following discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 5 Estimated Tax impact is \$8.07

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$2,593,844** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$2,621,162** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Selectman DeWolfe spoke in support of the proposed budget.**

**Motion to increase budget by \$800 for the deputy town clerk/tax collector made by Linda Guyotte; seconded; no discussion; hand vote was called for and declared passed by Moderator Hoerter.**

**Motion to decrease the operating budget by \$75,000 made by Sherrie Downing; seconded by Jamie Lyford. All discussion was not to support this amendment; hand vote was called and the amendment was declared defeated by Moderator Hoerter**

*Danina J. Owen*

## ARTICLE 6

## ARTICLE 7

## ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted

separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$390,000**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$1,199,212** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.

**Following discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article will be on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 9 Estimated Tax Impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight dollars [\$12,938] for the second year payment of the four year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 10 Estimated Tax Impact \$.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars [\$28,189] for the fourth year payment of the five year lease/purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 11 Estimated Tax impact is \$.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

*Dominic J. Hoerter, Town Clerk*

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 12 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 13 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 14 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

*Dan Hoerter, Town Clerk*

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 15 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance and Repair fund established by town vote in March 2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

Article 17

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2016.

*Deanna J. Town Clerk*

Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-4  
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

Article 18

To see if the town will vote to authorize increasing the annual Edward Doggett Campground fees from \$2700 to \$2900 effective for the 2017 season.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1

**Following limited discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

Article 19 – Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars [\$1000] to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Following discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written**

Article 20

To see if the town will vote to ratify the Recycling and Use of Recycling/Transfer Center Ordinance originally adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2005.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

**It was explained that this ordinance needed ratification by the legislative body; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

*Danina Juen, Town Clerk*

Article 21

To see if the town will vote to rescind the town's juvenile curfew ordinance [town ordinance #9] as its content is inconsistent with decided federal court cases.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

**Following discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written**

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to amend the second paragraph of Ordinance #6 "Disorderly Actions" to read: "Pursuant to RSA 31:39, RSA 41:11 and RSA 41:11-a it is hereby ordained by the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as follows":

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

**Following discussion Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written**

**Article 23 Petitioned Article [received 11/12/15] Tax Impact \$0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2400) for the fiscal year 2015-2016 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-2

Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 24 Petitioned Article [received 12/22/15] Tax Impact \$0.11**

Shall the Town vote, if the article for purchasing and renovating the former elementary school for the use of the Town Library fails, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the "Ashland Library Building Fund" Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building, and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

*Dan Hoerter, Town Clerk*

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

**No discussion – Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 25 Petitioned Article [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.00**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol-and drug-free Youth), a non –profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 26 Petitioned Article [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.04**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$9,478) for Pemi-Baker Community Health, a non-profit organization serving Ashland residents with home health care and hospice.

Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 27 Petitioned Article [received 12/30/15] Tax Impact \$0.03**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

*Danierius Justin, Town Clerk*



**Article 28 Petitioned Article [received 01/04/16] Tax Impact 0.01**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit day center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the “participant” to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1

**Following discussion Moderator declared that this article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 29 Petitioned Article [received 01/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

**Article 30 Petitioned Article [received 1/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support the Emergency Mental Health Services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health.

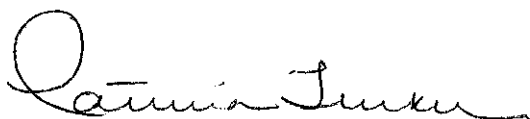
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 6-3

**Phil Preston expressed his opinion as to the importance of the non-profit organizations; Moderator Hoerter declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.**

Chairman DeWolfe thanked Selectman Phil Preston and Moderator Bobbi Hoerter for their service to the town.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and declared so at 3:35 PM.



Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 8, 2016

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*Patricia Tucker*  
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

three-year term vote for not more than one  
HAROLD LAMOS **210** ☐  
WRITE INS 176 ☐  
(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one  
ALICE STAPLES **348** ☐  
(Write-in)

WATER AND SEWER  
COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one  
ALAN CILLEY **337** ☐  
(Write-in)

TOWN MODERATOR

two-year term vote for not more than one  
(Write-in) ☐

SUPERVISOR OF THE  
CHECKLIST

six-year term vote for not more than one  
PATTI BICKFORD **349** ☐  
(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

three-year term vote for not more than three  
DAVID RUELL **342** ☐  
(Write-in) ☐  
(Write-in) ☐  
(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TRUSTEE OF  
THE TRUST FUNDS

three-year term vote for not more than one  
MARK W. OBER **358** ☐  
(Write-in) ☐

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one  
DAVID FUCARILE **292** ☐  
(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one  
(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3 - Estimated Tax Impact is \$.53

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred Eighty Five thousand one hundred sixty three Dollars (\$485,163) and to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$79,078). This lease/purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2021 (60% Majority vote required).

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Budget Committee recommend this article 6-3

YES ☒  
NO ☐

230  
201

60% = 259

ARTICLE 4 Petitioned Article [received 12/22/15] Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) is for the purchase of the building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$775,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose.  
(60% Majority vote required).

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-1  
Budget Committee does not recommend this article 6-3


YES ☒  
NO ☐

162  
271

60% = 260

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED		
<p><b>ARTICLE 5</b> Estimated Tax Impact is \$8.07</p> <p>Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,594,644. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,621,162 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>315</p> <p>107</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 6</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,162,531. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,162,531 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>321</p> <p>100</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 7</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$250,000. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$374,143 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>330</p> <p>91</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 8</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$390,000. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,199,212 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>312</p> <p>105</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 9</b> Estimated Tax Impact \$0.5</p> <p>To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight dollars [\$12,938] for the second year payment of the four year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>346</p> <p>84</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 10</b> Estimated Tax Impact \$.12</p> <p>To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars [\$28,189] for the fourth year payment of the five year lease/purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>334</p> <p>93</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 11</b> Estimated Tax Impact is \$.53</p> <p>To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>290</p> <p>143</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 12</b> Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13</p> <p>To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>282</p> <p>146</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE 13</b> Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21</p> <p>To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.</p> <p>Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>273</p> <p>153</p>
<p><b>GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING</b></p>		

	<b>ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2016</b>	BALLOT 2 OF 2	
<b>ARTICLES CONTINUED</b>			
<b>ARTICLE 14</b> Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.15 To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>223</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>207</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1 Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4			
<b>ARTICLE 15</b> Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance and Repair fund established by town vote in March 2015.		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> <b>246</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>195</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4			
<b>ARTICLE 16</b> To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>214</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>200</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0			
<b>Article 17</b> To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2016.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>191</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>239</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-4			
<b>Article 18</b> To see if the town will vote to authorize increasing the annual Edward Doggett Campground fees from \$2700 to \$2900 effective for the 2017 season.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>336</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>86</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1			
<b>Article 19 – Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00</b> To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars [\$1000] to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>298</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>130</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0			
<b>Article 20</b> To see if the town will vote to ratify the Recycling and Use of Recycling/Transfer Center Ordinance originally adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2006.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>344</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>76</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0			
<b>Article 21</b> To see if the town will vote to rescind the town's juvenile curfew ordinance [town ordinance #9] as its content is inconsistent with decided federal court cases.		YES <input type="radio"/> <b>337</b> NO <input type="radio"/> <b>89</b>	
Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0			
<b>TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING</b>			

ARTICLES CONTINUED		
<b>Article 22</b> To see if the Town will vote to amend the second paragraph of Ordinance #6 "Disorderly Actions" to read: "Pursuant to RSA 31:39, RSA 41:11 and RSA 41:11-a it is hereby ordained by the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as follows":  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 325 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 63
<b>Article 23 Petitioned Article [received 11/12/15] Tax Impact \$0.01</b> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2400) for the fiscal year 2015-2016 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.  Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-2 Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 274 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 132
<b>Article 24 Petitioned Article [received 12/22/15] Tax Impact \$0.11</b> Shall the Town vote, if the article for purchasing and renovating the former elementary school for the use of the Town Library fails, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the "Ashland Library Building Fund" Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building, and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 202 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 205
<b>Article 25 Petitioned Article [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.00</b> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADCY (Communities for Alcohol-and drug-free Youth), a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 296 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 116
<b>Article 26 Petitioned Article [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.04</b> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$9,478) for Penn-Baker Community Health, a non-profit organization serving Ashland residents with home health care and hospice.  Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 334 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 75
<b>Article 27 Petitioned Article [received 12/30/15] Tax Impact \$0.03</b> To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 318 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 88
<b>Article 28 Petitioned Article [received 01/04/16] Tax Impact 0.01</b> To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit day center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the "participant" to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.  Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 271 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 134
<b>Article 29 Petitioned Article [received 01/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01</b> To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 315 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 93
<b>Article 30 Petitioned Article [received 1/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01</b> To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support the Emergency Mental Health Services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health.  Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0 Budget Committee recommends this article 6-3		YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> 267 NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 140
<p align="center"><b>YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING</b></p>		

# Town of Ashland, NH

## Zoning Ballot - RESULTS

### March 8, 2016

**Question 1.** Are you in favor of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the existing Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.3c, entitled, “Land and Space Requirements” as follows?

[The amendment is indicated with strike out of existing, change in **bold characters**:]

YES 253 NO 122

**Question 2** - Are you in favor of an amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to the existing Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.2a, entitled, Zone Regulations, Commercial as follows?

[The language change is in *italic characters*:]

#### 2.2 Zone Regulations

2.2a Commercial: The purpose of this zone shall be primarily for retail and service type shopping facilities, facilities, offices, and banking facilities. The area shall provide access parking, adequate lighting, good design, and similar related items for convenience and safety. The following uses are permitted:

- Stores and shops for the conduct of any wholesale or retail business
- Offices, banks, personal services, and medical facilities
- Auto service stations and garages
- Theaters, halls and clubs
- Lodging facilities, hotels, motels and restaurants
- Residential uses including apartments *only on second floor or above*
- Accessory uses
- Personal storage units
- Communication Towers
- *Current commercial retail/office spaces on the ground/first floor level of buildings directly on Main Street from Winter Street to Mill Street (known as the business district in the Commercial Zone), cannot be converted to a residential unit.*

YES 276 NO 129

TOWN OF ASHLAND  
OFFICIAL BALLOT RECOUNT

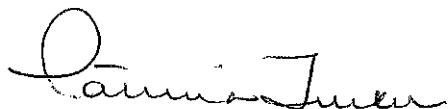
March 19, 2016

Per a petitioned request for a recount of Article 24 of the March 8, 2016 official ballot a recount was held on March 19, 2016 at 11 AM at the Ashland Town Office.

Present were the recount board consisting of Board of Selectmen Normand DeWolfe, Frances Newton, Stephen Felton, Harold Lamos and Leigh Sharps; Moderator Bobbi Hoerter; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker

Observers were Mardean Badger and David Ruell.

The recount resulted in a count of [Yes 203] and [No 204]. The article was defeated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Tucker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patricia Tucker  
Ashland Town Clerk

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NH  
STATE PRIMARY – SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

The polls were opened at 8:00 am by Moderator Bobbi Hoerter, she declared that the polls would not close before 7:00 pm and the absentee ballots would be cast at 1:00 pm.

Election officials present were:

- Supervisors of the Checklist – Patti Bickford, Terri Linden, Bev Ober
- Moderator – Bobbi Hoerter
- Town Clerk – Patricia Tucker
- Ballot Clerks – Patricia Dame, Patricia Heinz, Susan Longley, David Ruell, Joseph Mazzone
- Board of Selectmen – Frances Newton, Leigh Sharps, Kathleen Maher, Stephen Felton, Harold Lamos

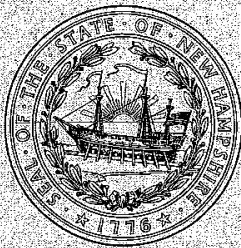
The polls were closed at 7:00 PM.

Statistics

Total registered voters	1463
Republicans	453
Democrats	343
Undeclared	667
Total votes cast	301
% voting	20.6

*Patricia Tucker, CTC*  
*Ashland*





STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RETURN OF VOTES  
**ASHLAND**  
**DEMOCRATIC**  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
September 13, 2016

Vote September 13, 2016  
A true copy attest:

*Patricia Tucker*  
Signature of Town/City Clerk

One copy to be Returned  
ELECTION NIGHT  
to the Secretary of State

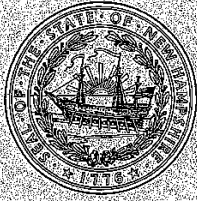
**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Record the vote for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot next to their name below.  
Record all WRITE-INS on the separate return provided for that purpose

<b>For Governor</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For County Attorney</b> Vote for not more than 1
Mark Connolly <u>21</u>	Charlie Chandler <u>90</u>	Lara Joan Saffo <u>90</u>
Derek Dextraze <u>0</u>		
Ian Freeman <u>1</u>		
Steve Marchand <u>26</u>	<b>For State Representatives</b> <b>Grafton District 9</b> Vote for not more than 2	<b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1
Colin Van Ostern <u>56</u>	Joshua Adjutant <u>55</u>	Karen Liot Hill <u>89</u>
	Judy Wallick Frothingham <u>75</u>	
<b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1		<b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1
Maggie Hassan <u>106</u>		Kelley Jean Monahan <u>93</u>
<b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For State Representative</b> <b>Grafton District 17</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1
Ann McLane Kuster <u>100</u>	Catherine Mulholland <u>94</u>	
<b>For Executive Councilor</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For County Commissioner</b> Vote for not more than 1
Michael J. Cryans <u>96</u>		Bill Bolton <u>87</u>

**DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS CAST**

Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters	<u>107</u>
Total Number of Democratic Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters	<u>4</u>
Grand Total Number of Dem Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above)	<u>111</u>



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RETURN OF VOTES  
**ASHLAND**  
**REPUBLICAN**  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
September 13, 2016

Vote September 13, 2016  
A true copy attest:

*Ruthie Turner*  
Signature of Town/City Clerk

One copy to be Returned  
ELECTION NIGHT  
to the Secretary of State

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Record the vote for each candidate whose name appears on the ballot next to their name below.  
Record all WRITE-INS on the separate return provided for that purpose

For Governor Vote for not more than 1	For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1
Jonathan Lavoie <u>1</u>	Paul Carreiro <u>28</u>	
Chris Sununu <u>37</u>	Joseph D. Kenney <u>128</u>	
Frank Edelblut <u>37</u>		<b>For County Treasurer</b> Vote for not more than 1
Jeanie Forrester <u>86</u>		Barbara Dunn Dutile <u>135</u>
Ted Gatsas <u>28</u>		
	<b>For State Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1	<b>For Register of Deeds</b> Vote for not more than 1
	Brian S. Gallagher <u>66</u>	Bill Sharp <u>131</u>
	Bob Giuda <u>101</u>	
<b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for not more than 1		<b>For Register of Probate</b> Vote for not more than 1
Tom Alciere <u>4</u>	<b>For State Representatives</b> Grafton District 9 Vote for not more than 2	
Kelly Ayotte <u>142</u>	Jeff Shackett <u>107</u>	<b>For County Commissioner</b> Vote for not more than 1
Gerard Beloin <u>3</u>	Robert Hull <u>58</u>	Omer C. Ahern, Jr. <u>146</u>
Stanley Michael Emanuel <u>0</u>	Eric Thomas Rottenecker <u>31</u>	
Jim Rubens <u>34</u>		<b>For Delegate to the State Convention</b> Vote for not more than 1
	<b>For State Representative</b> Grafton District 17 Vote for not more than 1	
<b>For Representative in Congress</b> Vote for not more than 1	Stephen Darrow <u>134</u>	
Eric P. Estevez <u>7</u>		
Jack B. Flanagan <u>45</u>	<b>For Sheriff</b> Vote for not more than 1	
Walter W. Kelly <u>27</u>	Douglas R. Dutile <u>141</u>	
Jim Lawrence <u>50</u>		
Andy Martin <u>13</u>		
Jay Mercer <u>3</u>		
Casey Newell <u>4</u>		

**REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST**

Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ELECTION DAY voters	<u>188</u>
Total Number of Republican Ballots Cast by ABSENTEE voters	<u>1</u>
Grand Total Number of Rep Ballots Cast (sum of two numbers above)	<u>189</u>

**2016 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION - September 13, 2016**  
**DEMOCRATIC - WRITE IN VOTES**

The following persons received **WRITE-IN** votes on **DEMOCRATIC** ballots for the following **Offices**:

Please indicate names of all write-ins (regardless of whether they are known to you) and the number of votes received by each in the appropriate space. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Please **DO NOT** use hash marks. Use numbers to record write-in votes, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4

**For GOVERNOR**

Frank Edelblut

Janie Forrester

Ted Gatsas

Jonathan Lavoie

Chris Sununu

**For EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR**

**For STATE SENATOR**

*Eric McKinney - 1*

**For UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Tom Alciere

Kelly Ayotte

Gerard Beloin

Stanley Michael Emanuel

Jim Rubens

*Vernon Supreme - 1*

**For STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**For REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Eric P. Estevez

Jack B. Flanagan

Walter W. Kelly

Jim Lawrence

Andy Martin

Jay Mercer

Casey Newell

**For STATE REPRESENTATIVE --**

Floterial District if applicable

**TURN OVER TO RECORD WRITE-IN  
VOTES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS >**

A true copy attest:

*Carmela Turen*

Signature of Town/City Clerk

*Ashland*

Town/City (Ward)

**ONE COPY TO BE RETURNED ELECTION NIGHT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
AND ONE COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE CLERK**

## NOTES

# **REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, DEPARTMENTS**



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2016 cannot be discussed without first mentioning the loss of our beloved Chairman, Norm DeWolfe in August. The Board will forever be grateful for his leadership and the path he set for our continued work. Many of the goals we now pursue were well established under his leadership and we continue to strive to carry the town in the direction and vision he set.

As last year, this one was once again a busy and productive year for the Ashland Board of Selectmen (BOS). The Board continued its progress with improving communication and collaboration among town departments, across committees and commissions, and significantly, to outside State and Federal Agencies. Building these productive and collaborative relationships has resulted in an improved perception of our Town's ability to meet the challenges of the future.

The current board consists of Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos and Katie Maher. Ms. Maher was appointed to fill the position left at the passing of Norm DeWolfe. Our accomplishments are as follows:

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Personnel

**Town Administrator:** The BOS hired a new Town Administrator, Charles (Charlie) Smith in August of this year. The Board, along with a department head, interviewed five candidates over approximately three weeks before making a final decision.

**Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer:** The Board hired Al LaPlante to serve in this role.

**Committees and Commissions:** The BOS made appointments to existing committees and commissions including, Conservation, Historical Society, Lakes Region Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Heritage Commission, Economic Development Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Scribner Trustees, Memorial Park Trustees, Joint Loss Management Committee, 150<sup>th</sup> Committee, and Cemetery Trustees.

#### Financial

The Board began the year by finalizing the budget and warrant articles, preparing for the February 4 Deliberative Session and developing the Voter's Guide. The BOS carefully monitored spending during the year to ensure that we stayed within our budget and prepare for any contingencies. The audit was completed successfully and revealed that the town had now expanded its unassigned fund balance to recommended DRA guidelines, leaving us in a much more comfortable position to cover cash flow and meet unexpected demands. We were able to use part of that money to put the town tax rate slightly below last year's figure. In addition, we outsourced our payroll to BMSI.

#### Issue Log/Project List:

The BOS continued to use the Current Issue/Project Log to ensure that important issues and projects were monitored and tracked through completion and follow-up. We assigned priorities and point of contact to each issue. These issues included the following:

**GIS Mapping:** The important work of digital tax mapping and adding in other department attributes continued. Great progress is being made in creating an on-line tool that will soon be available on the town website, allowing residents and other interested parties to have

easy access to property tax maps. It is also a digital management tool that will allow the town to more easily track, plan and communicate key information.

**Electric Department Building:** The BOS worked with Electric Department to approve building process and site plans to ensure compliance with land use policies. We further ensured the safe removal of contaminated soil from the site.

**Whipple House:** We reviewed and approved the lease for the property. We met with members of the Historical Commission and Heritage Commission to discuss repairs needed and defined a process of approval.

**Ashland Properties:** The property owned by Scott Heath, which is in arrears for taxes had undergone a Phase I Brownfields assessment in 2015. This year we were awarded a grant from the State Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a Phase II study that will take place in 2017. This will help pave the way to making this property more marketable for developers.

**Town Telecommunications:** The BOS and TA are examining our long-range needs for improved telecommunications including access to broadband.

The recently awarded an LCHIP Grant, which will help to define our needs. Decisions on next steps will occur when the work is completed.

**Town Hall Fire Alarm System:** The BOS approved a bid for adding monitored fire alarms to the town hall.

**Flag Etiquette Policy:** The BOS developed and approved an etiquette policy for town flags regarding recommended lighting, and raising and lowering of flags.

**Department of Public Works:** The BOS continues to explore best practices for DPW activities. We met with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to discuss grants for next year to develop paving plans and culvert plans. We engaged Nobis Engineering as consultants on our major road projects. With their help, we submitted and RFP for engineering to rebuild and repair Thompson Street as well as drainage from Smith Hill Road and High Street. We selected Hoyle Tanner Associates to complete this work and have obtained costs for this major and long-over due project.

**Parks and Recreation:** With the help of our Parks and Recreation Director, we approved an update for the campground lease. We ensured the successful beach sand replenishment program. We approved a proposal to install a monitored fire alarm system for the Booster Club.

**IT:** We reviewed and updated our hardware and software as appropriate. We continue to explore improved and more user-friendly email system and our website..

**Concerned Citizens Log:** We reviewed our process and made some improvements and set policy for the best way to address these issues.

**Welfare:** We implemented a new procedure for welfare applications to enable clients to submit claims on a timely basis.

**Union Negotiations:** The town representatives successfully negotiated a union contract that was overwhelmingly approved by the BOS, Water and Sewer Department and Union employees. This contract was submitted for the 2017 Warrant for voter approval.

**Grants:** This year the town applied for several grants, a big improvement over past efforts. Ashland was awarded an \$18,250 Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) matching grant for the anticipated \$36,500 Professional Assessment Report to be

conducted by historic architects and engineers which will give us a detailed plan of how to maximize our use but preserve the our Historic Town Hall. Today we can only use about 1/3 of this 8,000 square foot building due to code and regulatory compliance issues resulting from deferred maintenance due to ongoing budget constraints. Our goal is to preserve the building's historic exterior and rehabilitate its interior making it safe, comfortable, durable and efficient.

We also submitted a grant to the State Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant that would provide funds to the town with an 80% match by the State to rebuild and repair sidewalks along Main Street and improve safety of crosswalks as well as enhance accessibility to town business from senior housing on West Street. The grant was awarded to Ashland in January 2017!

As mentioned above, we were awarded a grant by the State DES for a brownfields Phase II assessment of one of the Packard Mill buildings, paving the way for future economic development in the mill area. The work will begin in early 2017. We plan to continue our pursuit for grant opportunities as a way of accomplishing our goals without adding increased tax burden on our citizens.

***Once again, the Board of Selectmen would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many unelected unpaid volunteers who have worked with inspiring dedication to make Ashland a better place to live in. We could not accomplish nearly as much as we do without their help.***



# Proclamation

Whereas, John C. Cilley was born on April 24, 1916;

Whereas, the Town of Ashland recognizes John as the oldest citizen of this community;

Whereas, we also recognize the contributions that John has made to the Town of Ashland during his career;

Therefore let be it known that April 24, 2016 is to be declared

**John C. Cilley Day in the Town of Ashland**

Given under our hands this 23 day of April 2016

*Harold G. Welch*

*Leigh Hayes*

*James Newton*

Ashland Board of Selectmen

**The Town of Ashland NH By The Board of Selectmen  
A Proclamation  
Reuben Whitten Day is August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

WHEREAS, 2016 is the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1816 The Year Without A Summer; and

WHEREAS, The 100 or so citizens of 1816 New Holderness now Ashland experienced the snow and frosts every month that year which destroyed their crops; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten succeeded in harvesting a crop of 40 bushels of wheat on his farm's southern facing slopes in spite of the destructive weather; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten chose to share his bounty with his neighbors and carefully distributed the wheat berries throughout that fall and winter; and

WHEREAS, The children of families Reuben Whitten helped in 1816 raised \$47 to purchase a headstone for his grave after he passed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1847; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten's house was saved from destruction and moved by oxen from Highland Street to Main Street in the 1870's for worker housing; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten's grandson Alfred Roberts carved a monument from a single piece of granite in 1911 and installed it in the Whitten Cemetery on Highland Street which reads: "Reuben Whitten 1771 – 1847" Son of a Revolutionary Soldier, A Pioneer of this Town, Cold Year of 1816 Raised 40 bushils of Wheat on this Land which Kept His Family and Neighbors from Starvation"; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten's house was donated to the Ashland Historical Society in 1968 to preserve it and his story for future generations; and

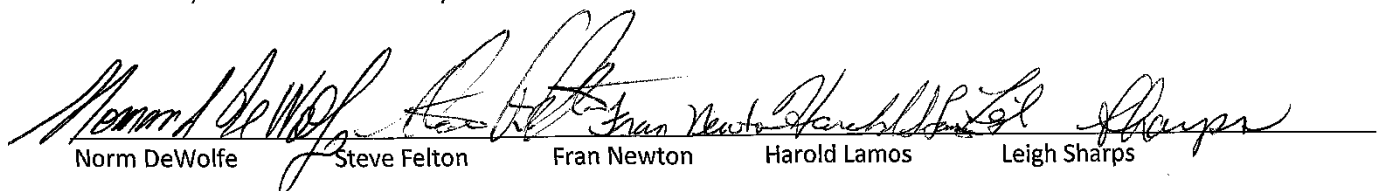
WHEREAS, The Reuben Whitten Project Committee has raised the funds necessary to restore the exterior of the Reuben Whitten House to preserve it for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Reuben Whitten House is being turned into a museum which tells the story of early New Holderness now Ashland, the Cold Year of 1816 and Reuben Whitten's generosity to this community; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Whitten's example of selflessness and community is an ethos admired and echoed by present day Ashland; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN of the Town of Ashland of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Reuben Whitten Day in the Town of Ashland and encourage residents to celebrate Reuben Whitten at the Whitten Wheat Festival to be held on that day at the Reuben Whitten House.

Given this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.

  
Norm DeWolfe      Steve Felton      Fran Newton      Harold Lamos      Leigh Sharps

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

As my first Town Administrator report to the residents and taxpayers for the Town of Ashland, let me start by saying "Thank You" for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Town Administrator. Since I came into this position in mid-August 2016, the Board of Selectmen, department heads, employees, elected officials, committee members, stakeholders, and volunteers have all been tremendously helpful in providing me the education and insight into many aspects of the town. From them, I learned about the historical aspect of the town, how the roads and bridges were built, like the beautiful Squam Bridge, and present day road projects in development. Overall, everyone has been very welcoming, which has added to my excitement for the position and the town moving forward.

A priority of the town has been to try and improve the current infrastructure with the expectation that this will spark economic growth and prosperity for our community. Over the past year, an engineering study was completed to reconstruct Thompson Street, High Street and Smith Hill Road. The project will rebuild the roads as necessary, address serious drainage issues and replace the water and sewer lines.

Our town was the recipient of three grants this year with the sole purpose of improving our infrastructure. The first being a grant to improve and expand sidewalks along Main Street, improve crosswalk safety and ensure that the sidewalks are ADA compliant. Another grant is to study our historically registered Town Office building. The third grant will fund a Phase II brownfields assessment in an abandoned mill building. The first two projects go to the voters in March for final approval.

From a financial perspective, I am pleased to inform residents that the town is in a strong financial condition. The voters have funded our Capital Reserve Funds for future purchases and projects. The fund balance retention remains within the Department of Revenue's recommended percentage retained. While it may be a small figure for some I am proud to say our Select Board was able to keep the municipal tax rate stable this year and overall reducing the rate \$0.02. Keeping the rate stable is a reflection of the ability of our Department Heads, Town Employees, and Board of Selectmen in being fiscally responsible and cognizant of how to provide services to the town in an efficient and effective manner.

In closing, I wanted to thank all of our staff, committees, Board of Selectmen and the many volunteers for all that you do. If it was not for your time and effort, we could not accomplish many of the things we try to do for our town. In particular, I wanted to thank my Administrative Assistant, Pat Crowell, and wish her the best in retirement. Often in municipal government we have to work with limited resources and complete other assigned duties. It goes without saying she has completed many assignments for the town over the years, including finance, various office duties, human resources, assisting the town clerk and helping welfare applicants. I know I speak for all of us in saying you'll be hard to replace!

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Smith, MPA  
Town Administrator

## ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

### The following is Police Activity for 2016

Dispatched Service Calls	3,009 (includes all calls communicated with dispatch)
Incidents	1226
Arrests	77
Warrants	11
Accidents	36
Citations/warnings	291
Parking Tickets	47

In 2016 your Police Department consisted of the following individuals: Chief Anthony Randall, Lieutenant William Ulwick, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Patrolman Bruce Cote, Patrolman David Waterbury, Part-time Patrolman and Administrative Assistant Cecil Cooper, Part-time Patrolmen Donald Marren and Eli Schaffner.

In 2016 the Department accepted the resignation of Patrolmen Ryan Beausoleil who took a position with the Woodstock NH Police Department. Officer Beausoleil was with our department for 2 years and nine months.

In August we filled the position left by Officer Beausoleil with David Waterbury. Officer Waterbury attended the 171st class at NH Police Standards & Training for a 16 week academy training and graduated on December 16, 2016. Officer Waterbury is currently being put through a field training regimen at the Ashland Police Department for approximately 12 to 14 weeks before he will be allowed to take active patrols by himself and become a viable part of the department.

The Department also hired Eli Schaffner to work as a part-time officer. Officer Schaffner attended the 272nd class for part time officers at NH Police Standards & Training for 14 weeks of two nights each week and all day on Saturdays. Officer Schaffner graduated on November 18, 2016 and is currently being put through a field training regimen two shifts a week until such time he completes the process. Upon completion of his field training he will be allowed to take active patrols alone and become an asset to cover shifts to keep overtime to a minimum.

As we all are aware, heroin use is on the rise and is becoming more common place. The department has been making attempts to surveil suspected drug locations when time allows. We are fortunate to have connections with the DEA and NH Drug Task Force for assistance with drug activity.

We encourage the public to report drug activity to us, but to be patient in these instances as it takes time to build a case. The information is then relayed to the members of the NH Drug Task Force in an effort to coordinate successful drug arrests and surveillance. Due to the Departments limited resources and manpower this working relationship is paramount.

The Ashland Police Department in conjunction with the NH Drug Task Force made a bust for heroin sales at Ledgewood Estates on October 5, 2016 after a 4 month long investigation. Arrest Warrants and Search Warrants were executed at the premises with two arrests and approximately 15 grams of heroin seized along with drug paraphernalia and items associated with the sales. The case is currently in the hands of the Grafton County Attorney's Office for prosecution.

The Department utilizes a community policing model requiring a partnership between the police and its residents in order to keep Ashland a safe community.

I would like to thank the tax payers, residents, all Ashland Departments and surrounding town police departments for their support over the past year.

I also would like to thank my personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support, hard work and sacrifices, especially over the last 7 plus months while we have been shorthanded, working extended hours and pushing the department to a potential breaking point, however only bending but not breaking. For that they should be commended for a job well done while keeping the town as safe as possible.

The Department replaced its 2010 crown vic this year which was pushed into an extra year of service (a long time for me to hold my breath and pray). As of this date, the new Ford Explorer Utility is currently being outfitted for service and should be ready for service within a couple of weeks.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy 2017 with a reminder that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity so please lock your vehicles.

# ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The emergency response and administrative demand on the department continues to increase. The total incident count for 2016 was 411 as compared to 407, 377, and 413 over the previous three years. The following is a break-down by incident type:

• Medical	244
• Fire	122
• Motor Vehicle Accident	37
• Service Calls	8

Our personnel continue to log many hours; responding to emergency incidents, attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participating in numerous fire and EMS certification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, and fire safety inspections.

Staffing remains as one the more significant issues that we face. We did welcome two new members during the past year. Walter Durack joined the department in February, completed an EMT class, is now a Nationally Certified EMT, and participates actively. Brandyn Bassett joined the department in September. He is a Level II Certified Firefighter, as well as a Swift Water and Ice Rescue Technician. Unfortunately Brandyn has recently had to move away. He was one of our more active members and he will be sorely missed. Tyler Ford has been promoted from probationary firefighter, and is currently certified as a Level II Firefighter. Natasha Bondarchuck has completed her EMT training and is now a Nationally Registered EMT. Her current status is as a probationary Firefighter/EMT. Our present roster is at twenty-six, with only fifteen of those that I would consider active participants on calls and at training. With the majority of our members working out of town and the greater workload falling onto the shoulders of a shrinking staff, we obviously need more help. If you are reasonably fit, and are willing to commit to becoming trained as a firefighter or EMT, I would encourage you to stop by and pick up an application.

Continuing our efforts to keep costs down, we again worked with other local departments to schedule our pump testing, and our aerial and ground ladder testing. We also watch for opportunities to participate in group purchases with neighboring communities.

Once again we were able to complete the mandatory equipment testing on the department's self-contained breathing apparatus, fit testing of the SCBA masks, pumps, aerial and ground ladders. As our equipment ages, testing becomes critical to keeping personnel safe, and reducing liability. At times we have a piece of equipment that does not pass, and requires repair or replacement. With this in mind, I have requested funds in the appropriate budget lines to allow us to keep equipment in service.

Once again we are asking the voters of Ashland to pass a warrant article for the purchase of a new engine. This year's apparatus evaluations again indicated significant items on our apparatus that needed attention. We overspent the vehicle maintenance line this year, with over half of the funds spent on repairs for engine 1 and 2. I feel that it is important to move forward with this project without delay. Every single piece of equipment we have in the department ages with each year of service, and somewhere down the road will need to be replaced. We have worked with the CIP committee to develop a long range plan so that we aren't faced with having to do this all at once.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

2016 started off very quiet weather wise but ended very busy for myself and the crew. From Thanksgiving to the end of the year the department logged 300 hours of overtime combined.

No major road projects were done in 2016 because monies were used for the engineering of the Thompson Street project which will be on the ballot in 2017. The department installed some new under drain on a 200' section of Leavitt Hill to help eliminate an icing and heaving problem in the winter. Some shimming was done on North Ashland Road in preparation for chip sealing in 2017. My plan is to finish River Street and North Ashland Road in the coming year, so please continue to vote for the Road Improvement Capital Reserve money.

The department continues to assist all other town agencies and organizations throughout the year. With the mild beginning to 2016 we were able to assist the Police Department with the construction of shelves for their armory and a secure caged area on the third floor of the town hall. These are some of the many things that the department does to help out the other departments and it keeps costs down.

After seven years working for the town, Ray Dow moved on to another career opportunity, the crew and I wish him well. We welcomed Charlie Smith and thus far he has been a pleasure to work with.

I would like to thank my crew, all other departments, and Pat and Patsy who are a great help to me throughout the year.

And finally, to you the taxpayers, for your support by funding our yearly needs I would like give a heartfelt thanks, we all here at the Public Works appreciate your support!

Timothy Paquette

Public Works Director

## **TRANSFER STATION**

In 2016 the transfer station received a new baler to assist with our recycling efforts and also installed a new waste oil furnace.

Two employees left in 2016. Doug Ober is enjoying retirement. Laura Lamson took a full time job in another community. We wish them well. We have two new employees at the Transfer Station, Henry Shinn and Dan Vachon. Both are hardworking and keep the facility in great shape.

The town shipped out 541 tons of trash in 2016 which is up slightly from last year and 213 tons of construction debris. We can always do better to cut these amounts if we all do our part and recycle.

Transfer station stickers are now five dollars and can be purchased at the facility or the town office.

Ashland is a mandatory recycling town so please recycle!

Thank you

Timothy Paquette  
Public Works Director



## **Parks & Recreation – 2016**

Submitted by Director Ann – Marie Barney

### **General**

The closing of the 2016 year has shown what last year's changes have brought about for the Parks & Recreation Department. There have been more programs added and the ones that were already in place have grown immensely.

Even though there have been many changes already, there are plans for even more changes and improvements to the programs and facility in the upcoming year. It is my hope to improve the Park & Recreation Department and turn it into the department it should be.

### **Edward N Doggett Campground and Beach**

The Edward N Doggett Campground operated at full capacity again this year. We will have another full campground for the 2017 season. Needed improvements were made to the campground with more to come next year.

Jeremy Hiltz donated fresh, clean sand and the equipment needed to add sand to the beach. The sand at the beach is soft once again. I had the stairs going into the water replaced for the safety of our patrons. There is no longer a huge step to walk into the water. I hired lifeguards at the beach for the safety of our children and community. I also added swimming lessons this year which all the kids loved and will also help ensure children's safety.

### **After School Program**

The After-School Program is a great opportunity for all kids in grade k-8. In our program the kids have time to get their school work done and then enjoy games and outside activities with their friends. We can give healthy snacks and drinks to our kids in the program because we have collaborated with the NH Food Bank. At the beginning of 2016 we had 22 kids enrolled in the program and at the end of the year we have 35.

### **Summer Camp**

Elaine Hughes Reality made a gracious donation of camp shirts to our program. With the new staff and ideas for camp our numbers more than doubled. To allow us to go on more trips, at a lower cost, we partnered with other camps in our surrounding communities. We even hosted an "Olympic Day" where other camps came to compete. Our camp put a float together for the Fourth of July parade and Jeremy Hilt volunteered to pull it for us. The kids had a great time and won "Most Beautiful".

### **Community**

The Park & Recreation Department is also involved in many other events in our community. Once a month from October to March we have a Kids Night Out where we run special activities for kids at the Booster Club. There is movie night in the park twice a month for the months of June, July, and August. During Easter, there was an Easter egg hunt at the Booster Club. I ran an arts and craft activity for the kids during Christmas Night in Ashland. The Booster Club is also where Food for All holds their weekly meal (on Tuesdays) for anyone who would like to have a meal and great company.

## **BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT 2016**

The building activity for 2016 has been good. I've seen modifications in the commercial aspect as well as the residential.

The residential remodeling has picked up as far as I can tell in the short time I have been in Town.

I am looking forward to 2017 and what it might bring as far as growth goes.

### **2016 BUILDING REPORTS**

#### **NEW STRUCTURES**

Commercial	1	
Residential	(New Homes)	1

#### **ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS**

Residential	29
Commercial	6
Demolitions (Structures)	1

#### **MANUFACTURED HOUSING**

##### **(Mobile Homes)**

New	2
Removed	

#### **PERMITS ISSUED**

Electrical	1
Plumbing	1
Signs	2

<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>44</b>
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<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$5842.00</b>
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Respectfully Submitted

Al LaPlante  
Code Enforcement Officer

## Ashland Town Library Annual Report for 2016

### Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2016:

- ☐ Patron visits: 7,749
- ☐ Programs offered: 70, attended by 608 people
- ☐ Items circulated: 11,221
- ☐ Items downloaded(audio and ebooks): 153
- ☐ Computer users: 1,118
- ☐ Home visits: 73

The Ashland Town Library continued to explore plans for expansion while providing excellent service to the town in 2016.

The trustees have continued to work to purchase the old school. The current building has housed the library for 78 years. There is an urgent need for more space for material and for people. Most programs necessitate the moving of furniture. Five computer workstations are not enough to meet the demand. There is very little collaborative space and no quiet reading areas. In the 2016 election, the bond issue and the capital reserve warrant article were defeated. The library trustees hired a consultant to work on needs assessment and the final report has been completed. In the fall, the price for the old school was lowered to \$525,000. The trustees are bringing a bond issue to the voters for \$600,000, including the purchase price plus \$100,000 for renovations and furnishing. The current capital reserve fund of \$25,000 will be applied toward the total cost. If the bond issue does not pass, there is also a petitioned warrant article to add another \$25,000 to the capital reserve fund. The trustees also applied for a USDA grant for \$25,000 that may help with the price of the furnishing.

2016 programs included:

- ☐ Pre-school story times (12)
- ☐ Adult Book Discussion Groups (11)
- ☐ Special programming (9)
- ☐ Storytime (13)

Coloring programs have been a very popular addition to the activities of the library. Summer programs included Steve Blunt, well-known childrens musician, and animals from the Squam Lakes Science Center. The library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade, and photos with Santa Claus during Christmas Night in Ashland. This year, almost 200 photographs were taken with Santa! Books were given to children from Pond and Peak Reading Council. The library offers space once a month for community members to get help signing up for the Affordable Care Act.

The Friends of the Ashland Town Library are an organized group of volunteers that help support the Library through fundraising, donating materials for the library's collection and supporting programs and other services for the community. In April of last year The Friends sponsored a program about coyotes and in August the Humanities Council program “History of Brewing in New Hampshire”. The Friends held a book sale and 50/50 raffle in July and another book sale in September during the Town Wide Yard Sale. They also purchased an interactive train rug for the children's room. The Friends have helped sponsor the “1,000 books Before Kindergarten” program at the library. This program encourages children and families to read 1,000 books before the child enters Kindergarten. The Friends also sponsor pictures with Santa. The Friends of the Library are a registered non-profit with the state of New Hampshire. Membership is free and welcome new members!

Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds. Thanks also to Meredith Village Savings Bank for their sponsorship of passes for the Squam Lakes Science Center.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Lisa Rollins, Robert Binette, and Kayley Fouts, and also the many volunteers that donated a total of 51 hours to the library this year. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to a commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

Visit the library website at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/>, and make a donation to the library building fund at <http://www.ashlandtownlibrary.org/library-building-program.html>

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY  
2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$7,457.65
Donations deposited	2,014.50
Interest	5.35
Transfers to General Fund	(2,858.81)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$6,618.69

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$4,209.74
Deposit from Appropriation	750.00
Restitution for stolen computers	90.62
Interest	3.63
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$5,053.99

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$1,585.00
Patron Fees deposited	440.00
Interest	1.44
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$2,026.44

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$456.90
Copier Fees deposited	514.75
Interest	.47
Transfer to General Fund	(406.54)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$565.58

LOST BOOK FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$903.18
Deposits for lost materials	120.50
Interest	.80
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$1,024.48

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$2,028.23
Donations deposited	240.00
Interest	.21
Balance, Dec. 31, 2016	\$2,268.44

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$ 2,210.15
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$61,340.00
Transfer from Donations	2,858.81
Transfer from Copier Fees	406.54
Overdue Fees	35.00
Refunds	48.52
Sale of Books	77.00
Interest	.42

Total Income	\$64,766.29
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Total Available Funds	\$66,976.44
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EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$38,468.67
FICA	2,385.03
Medicare	557.81
Audios	1,295.72
Books	7,593.84
Subscriptions	503.78
Videos	1,439.42
Downloadable Books	480.00
Equipment	399.00
Public Access Computer Fund	750.00
Software	119.98
Tech Support and Web Catalog	1,678.00
Cleaning	2,650.00
Dues	200.00
Mileage	130.23
Misc.	406.98
Postage and PO Box rental	467.61
Library Building Report	2,000.00
Programs	896.12
Supplies	1,339.50
Utilities	1,469.37

Total Expenditures	\$65,231.06
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Balance, end of fiscal year	\$1,745.38
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## Health Officer

The goal of Ashland's Health Officer is to support New Hampshire's overall public health goal of maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all residents. As such, the Health Officer is responsible for three critical functions.

- 1) To enforce applicable New Hampshire and laws and regulations as well as local ordinances and regulations.
- 2) To serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and our community on issues concerning local environmental and public health.
- 3) To be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional environmental and public health capacities.

In Ashland, the Health Officer (HO) collaborates with the Fire Chief and building inspector/code enforcement officer to exchange relevant information as might affect the health and well being of Ashland residents and to ensure that they meet health and safety standards.

During 2016, the HO demonstrated a critical role in the Ashland Emergency Operation Plan (EOP). The HO further responded to numerous calls from residents, businesses and town buildings. Resident/landlord concerns included bed bugs, lead paint, water quality, substandard housing, lack of heat, obnoxious use and black mold. In addition several concerns over excess refuse were addressed. When appropriate, meetings were held with the Ashland Welfare Director, Police Department, Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss noted life safety and code violations.

In 2016, Charles Smith was appointed as a Deputy Health Officer to ensure coverage for any emerging issues.

During 2017, the primary goal is to respond quickly to citizen health concerns. In addition, it will remain important to seek out state training opportunities and to stay abreast of state and national health concerns.

Fran Newton  
Ashland Health Officer

## **Ashland Electric Department Report**

The first Town Report of Ashland dates back to 1874. The Ashland Electric Department has been part of the Town Report for many years. The Electric Department has accomplished much since the turn of the century. In March 2001, commissioners were elected by the people of Ashland to serve as a governing Board of the Electric Department. In 2004, we negotiated the purchase of electricity from the New Hampshire Electric Corporation from customers on North Ashland Road and Route 175 and finalized in 2005. From the year 2005 to today, the Electric Department has continued to grow and change looking to the future to serve the people of Ashland. There has been 'much accomplished'.

This past year, 2016, we erected a pole at the baseball field to fly the United States American Flag, bought by the rate payers of the Electric Department. Per request of the Board of Selectmen of Ashland, the pole, flag, and key were given to them. Also, this past year, construction was started to build a 40X80 garage to house vehicles and equipment. At the time of this report, the garage has yet to be completed due to Capital Reserve Funds of the Electric Department not released by the Town Trustees.

Our goal, the Electric Department, is to continuously strive to offer our customers excellent service and low rates, we believe to be one of the lowest in New Hampshire. Tree trimming, as a preventative measure of preventing outages, continues to be a major activity as does testing of transformers, replacement of older insulators, poles, lines and vehicle maintenance. We have hired a new linesman and new Assistant Superintendent.

New Hampton continues to be a valued customer and the department continues to purchase all of the electricity produced by three (3) hydroelectric dams.

All of us at the Ashland Electric Department wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Coleman, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners, Electric Department

## **Water and Sewer Departments Town Report**

In 2016 the Water and Sewer Departments worked to reduce long-term costs while developing, replacing, and maintaining infrastructure. The combined net revenue for the Water and Sewer Departments was \$260,156.

### **Projects and initiatives completed this year include the following:**

- **Septage Receiving Station** - The departments received a \$250,000 matching grant from NRBC from the Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) for the design and construction of the new Septage Receiving Station. Completion of the project will extend the useful life of the lagoons, put off dredging lagoons almost indefinitely, and significantly increase revenues. We are currently conducting a pilot program to test the feasibility of the design concept.
- **Winona Road Water Line** - The departments replaced a section of the water line on Winona Road and capped a blow-off. Replacement of the 100 year-old line was a high priority.
- **Leak Isolation** - The departments received a grant to test the water system for leaks. As a result of testing, three leaking fire hydrants were replaced. We repaired another water line leak/break on Thompson Street in December.
- **Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road/Hill Avenue Engineering** - The Town of Ashland and the Water and Sewer Departments worked together to complete the engineering and bid for road reconstruction and sewer and water line replacement. Replacing water and sewer lines during road reconstruction reduces construction and replacement costs.
- **Water Service for Whip-O-Will Community** - The Whip-O-Will Community in Plymouth has requested that we provide them with water service. The department has tentatively agreed to the project pending engineering studies and the resolution of contractual issues. Whip-O-Will will be responsible for funding the entire project and reimbursing all legal expenses.
- **Remote Meter Reading** – The departments completed installation of remote meter reading equipment in January significantly reducing the time required for meter reading and improving accuracy.
- **New Billing System** - The new billing system takes the data downloaded from the remote meter reading device and creates water and sewer bills reducing the time required to generate bills and improving accuracy.
- **Office Reorganization** - The departments took over bookkeeping responsibilities, a function that was performed by the Electric Department. The change has helped to make financial reporting and bill paying more responsive.
- **Northern Pass** - The departments retained attorney Steve Whitley of the Mitchell Group to represent our interests in the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) hearing on Northern Pass. The department is concerned about protecting vital town infrastructure during construction and operation of the proposed project. The department commissioned Emery & Garrett to study construction and operational impacts to well field. Nobis Engineering has conducted studies of the Septage Lagoons.

## ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Regular Members: Mardean Badger, Cheryl Cox, Carol Fucarile, Susan MacLeod  
ex officio Selectmen: Norm DeWolfe, Frances Newton, Leigh Sharps  
Minute-taker, Paula Hancock

The Board was saddened by the loss of Selectman Norm DeWolfe this past year. His wisdom, diligence and support will be sorely missed.

In 2016, the Planning Board processed thirteen official cases: ten site plan reviews, a subdivision with a lot line adjustment, a lot line adjustment, and a design review. The Planning Board also conducted several consultations with business owners looking to expand, and entrepreneurs looking for locations in town to suit their needs.

In accordance with the *Site Plan Review Regulations*, any proposed change of business (by a landowner or tenant), expansion, or change of use of a non-residential building is required to come before the Planning Board for review. It is recommended to come for a no-cost, pre-application consultation where any requirements and waivers would be outlined. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website, [www.ashlandnh.org](http://www.ashlandnh.org) and available at the Town Office.

The Planning Board continues to be involved in the project of updating application forms; this year the building, sign and driveway permits were reviewed to reflect all regulations and be informative.

Work on the design standards for building or renovating in the downtown commercial zone with a goal to keep the historic and traditional style is still ongoing as research and discussions to formulate workable guidelines. In May, the Board extended an invitation to commercial property owners and the tenant business owners along Main Street to engage them in this process. The Board felt it was especially important to reach out to the non-resident owners for these standards to work for them as they cannot vote on them. A zoning amendment approved in 2016 for street level storefronts on Main Street to remain as commercial use only, particularly in the "lower village" area, aims to retain the traditional business district. Reviewing Master Plan chapters for updating is another ongoing project. The Conservation Commission and Planning Board sent a letter of support for a Lakes Region Planning Commission grant for assisting towns in the development of sourcewater protection practices.

With intervenor status, the Town officially has input with the State Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) on what impact the Northern Pass Project will have on Ashland as the proposed plans have the above-ground electrical towers running across the Pemigewasset River into Ashland, the aquifer, and closely passing the Town's wellhead and sewage lagoons.

The Planning Board's regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Ashland Elementary School Library, and work sessions are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Office. Please refer to our website for further information, or feel free to contact the Planning Board at [landusepb@ashland.nh.gov](mailto:landusepb@ashland.nh.gov). We do our best to provide assistance and to answer any questions you may have. There is the opportunity to join with openings for two alternates to the Board. *"The best way to predict the future is to create it yourself."* Abraham Lincoln

As Chairman, I am ever thankful to the members of the Planning Board for their professional assistance and their service to our community. They are so often called upon to make difficult or unpopular decisions to preserve the rights of individuals while upholding the Town's zoning ordinance and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan MacLeod, Chairman



## **ZBA Year End Report**

The Ashland Zoning Board of Adjustment had two cases this year.

Case #2016-01: Edward Adamsky, LaRoca Enterprises, requested an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements for property located at 44 Main St. (TML:16-02-02). The request was denied.

Case #2016-02: Richard and Jeanette Fecteau requested a Variance from setbacks in the Rural Residential Zone. The request was denied.

For most of the year, the Zoning Board could not meet due to a lack of volunteers to fill the open positions..

Two new members were appointed to the ZBA, Tim Sweetsir. and Tejasinha Sivalingam.

The Board still needs one regular member and two alternates.

## **Ashland Conservation Commission**

Town of Ashland  
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### **Annual Report for 2016**

This past year provided the Ashland Conservation Commission with no shortage of work in the efforts to conserve, protect, and promote the abundant natural resources of our town. We continue to be the local eyes and ears for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the stewards of the natural environment within the geographical boundaries of our town. I'll highlight some of our work from this calendar year.

The proposed Northern Pass transmission project kept the Commission busy for more than half of our monthly meetings. The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) of the Public Utilities Commission started the formal review process for the project application at the end of 2015. This means everyone with a vested interest in the project (either for or against its construction) can make their case before the SEC. The Conservation Commission has advocated for the natural resources that may be impacted by the project. The Conservation Commission was also responsible for the review of the DES applications for shoreline impacts (where the powerlines will cross waterbodies) and for the alteration of terrain (where more than 100,000 square feet of ground surface will be disturbed by construction activities).

The review of the project application is a legal process that functions like the preparations leading up to a court trial. With so much information to review and so many vested parties, the review process will easily stretch into 2017. For those wondering about the proposed route, the current plan is for the lines to be buried under Route 3 from Woodstock until just before it crosses the Union Bridge into Ashland. At that point, it will transition to overhead powerlines, crossing the Pemigewasset River, paralleling Route 3 past the town's well, and then paralleling Interstate 93 past the town's wastewater treatment plant. Natural resource impacts aside, consider the sight of 100-foot tall steel towers dominating the skyline for those approaching our town on Route 3 or Interstate 93. Undoubtedly, the presence of the towers will interfere with the views of Plymouth Mountain and Mount Moosilauke as one drives north on Route 3 toward Bridgewater.

In April, the Commission formally transferred the responsibility for the project to replenish sand at the town beach to the Parks & Recreation Department. Work was completed in time for the beach's official opening for the season. A big thank you goes to those involved in completing the project in accordance with the conditions of the permit granted by DES.

Throughout the year, the Commission worked with the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, and the Department of Public Works to coordinate our overlapping responsibilities, explore collaboration on future regulations/ordinances, and ensure that projects constructed by town forces were completed in compliance with applicable environmental regulations and best management practices. The Conservation Commission takes seriously the responsibility of the government to set an example for its citizens to fully comply with the environmental laws, rules, and ordinances governing their activity.

The Conservation Commission also responded to complaints and concerns of potential violation of state environmental regulation. We passed the information to the appropriate bureaus and divisions at DES. In several cases, it prompted an investigation by DES and staff visited the site. Most surface land within the boundaries of the 11 square miles of area comprising the town of Ashland happen to fall within shoreline and protected waterbody setbacks regulated by DES. Therefore, it is imperative that those planning construction projects confirm their need to obtain any environmental permits. DES has published a guideline to help those planning projects determine what permits may be required. You may find a link to that guide on the Commission's page on the town's website.

The Commission would like to remind the residents of Ashland of the perennial problem of non-native invasive species. Most of us are familiar with the most flagrant offender: Japanese knotweed. Please help do your part of the environment of our town by stopping the spread of these obnoxious plants. We've posted several links on our webpage to pertaining to identification and management of these plants. All of us working together can combat the threat posed to our native plant species.

This year we bid farewell to Renee Liebert, who had served as chair of the Commission, and we welcomed Amanda Loud to the Commission. Thank you, Renee, for your service to the town and welcome to Amanda. RSA 36-A:3, which governs the composition of Conservation Commissions, allows us to have up to seven full members. With four members on the Commission, we desire at least a fifth member to join us. If you are interested in our natural resources and would like get involved, please consider volunteering your time. You can learn more about how to request an appointment by stopping by Town Hall or visiting the town's web page.

The Conservation Commission is always available to listen to your questions, comments, and concerns. We're here to help. We hold regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the upstairs meeting room at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ashland Conservation Commission**

*Walter Durack, Chair*

*Kathleen DeWolfe, Vice Chair*

*Harold Lamos*

*Amanda Loud*

## **Capital Improvement Plan Committee**

The Capital Improvement Plan Committee's recommendations for 2017 are listed below. The actual figures for warrant articles may vary depending on final estimates. The plan calls for \$410,916 in capital improvement spending, of which \$244,839 is new spending and represents approximately a 1 mil increase in taxes based on the 2015 budget. Since the unassigned fund balance is now within DRA recommended guidelines, the committee recommends using surplus funds to reduce the tax rate to offset some of these costs. The committee considers the purchase of the fire engine and the reconstruction of Thompson St., Smith Hill, and Hill Avenue critical based on safety considerations and the financial impact to the town if they are not approved.

- Fire Engine \$87,236
- Thompson St. and Smith Hill Road Bond \$82,603 (30-year bond payment)
- Loader Final Payment \$28,139
- Mini-Loader Payment \$12,938
- Highway Capital Reserve \$125,000
- Town Building Capital Reserve \$25,000
- Library Capital Reserve \$25,000
- P&R Capital Reserve \$25,000

Note: The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant was awarded after the 2017 CIP was completed. The grant is for \$400,000, \$320,000 coming from the state, and \$80,000 coming from the Capital Reserve for Roads.

## ASHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (AEDC)

Steering Committee: Susan MacLeod, Chair, Cheryl Cox, Ex Officio Planning Board, Steve Felton Ex Officio Selectman, Benoit Lamontagne, Fran Newton, Ex Officio alternate

Ad Hoc Committee: Jae Demers, Businessperson; David Toth, Water & Sewer Commissioner; Lee Nichols, Electric Department Superintendent; Kathleen DeWolfe, Ashland Conservation Commission; Eli Badger, Housing Standards Board (now resigned)

2016 was a year for baseline projects. Subcommittees pursued various aspects of this work:

The Marketing Committee member Cheryl Cox continues to manage the Facebook page, *Destination Ashland*, which has been quite actively viewed. Jae Demers also worked on improving the looks of, and maintaining the information in the kiosks within Town.

The work of the GIS Mapping Committee, Eli Badger, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe and Michelle Roberts has come to fruition with the base tax maps ready to go live. The information from all departments to add layers of their necessary information is now in the works.

Initial research and discussions regarding faster broadband and wifi opportunities has been undertaken by a Selectman with an eye on the advantage it would provide to current residents and businesses and the attraction it would be to new, especially technology-based businesses. Although some see empty storefronts as a result of “nothing being done”, infrastructure and amenities must be the focus to build upon to attract businesses and people to Ashland and to make those privately owned properties more appealing locations into the future.

The Planning Board has been working on design standards for the downtown commercial area and regularly reports progress to this committee for recommendations and ideas to assist in crafting guidelines that are reasonable to apply while achieving the goal of retaining the historic downtown character. An assessment of current zoning boundaries will also be explored to address the changing needs for well-planned development.

Grants will be needed for any large project with Beno Lamontagne, who works for Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) a main contact for opportunities. Our new Town Administrator, Charlie Smith attended a grant-writing workshop to hone skills for seeking and filling out successful applications. The Town also needs to start designating some funds to be prepared to match grants as the opportunities arise. The Board of Selectmen continues the process for receiving Brownfields phase two funding that will focus on a mill building.

Steve Felton convened a meeting with all the mill owners and the discussion explored their mutual interests in developing that area. Several ideas about the future uses of the individual buildings and the complex as a whole were inspiration for a direction to move in. Follow-up tours and further discussions are planned as the next steps. There has also been an exploratory interest to use one of the mill buildings for a new business.

It has been a year of charting the way to realizing projects for 2017. Please come and participate.

## ASHLAND 2016 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher and Kathy Jaquith

Perfect cloudless blue sky days, comfortable summer temperatures and enthusiastic participants marked Ashland's 2016 Fourth of July celebrations. This 56<sup>th</sup> consecutive celebration is also the beginning of new traditions.

The 2016 Fourth of July Parade theme honored Ashland citizen Reuben Whitten and his generosity on the "250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1816 The Year Without A Summer". In a year when frost or snow hit every month killing tender crops, Reuben and Sally Whitten shared their 40 bushels wheat with their neighbors who had no crops that year. Floats were bedecked with snow and wheat themes and honors and cash prizes were plentiful. Parade Marshals Steve and Kathy Jaquith, the dynamic duo were honored for their dedicated years of service to the Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland's many celebrations, Ashland Area Recreation Association's children and community events through Parks & Recreation and keeping Ashland's Memorial Park lovely and welcoming.

The 2016 Fireworks on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> were the first in our new configuration. The LW Packard Ball Field can no longer accommodate the fireworks display launch site and spectators because of state regulated set-backs. We opened up the entire field to spectators and moved our launch site to the Ashland Elementary School, uphill and in the opposite direction of our previous launch site. We expanded our entertainment with a portable 'truck bed' stage and bands. Feedback was positive as the crowd was more safe and comfortable and the larger fireworks more spectacular.

2016 Fundraising totaled \$21,432.74 with expenses of \$18,894 leaving \$28,619.83 for our 2017 display. Funds raised included t-shirt and button sales, canisters, field collections, parking, the 50/50 raffle, Midway Vendor fees and the Common Man Pancake Breakfast and Cman food tent and represented 57% of the funds raised while the program advertising and banner sales provided 43% of the funds raised (up 4% from 2015). Expenses included the fireworks at \$13,500 (the actual show was valued at \$17,000), printing \$1,299, entertainment \$2,375, and services \$1,720. Our events costs totaled \$16,080 for Fireworks, \$1,075 for the Parade and \$1,739 for fundraising costs.

Alex Ray was honored with the 2016 Mary Ruell Citizen of Ashland Award for his tireless support of Ashland's Fourth of July Celebrations. After opening the first Common Man Restaurant in Ashland in 1971, Alex joined the 'Fabulous Fourth' committee running the fireworks for 20 years and raising money with the annual Pancake Breakfast, Fireworks Barbeque and 50/50 Raffle. He rides his "penny farthing" bicycle in our annual parade and has raised tens of thousands of dollars making these treasured events possible.

The 2016 Ashland Fourth of July Committee included Katie Maher, Chair; Amanda Loud, Secretary; Kathy Jaquith, Treasurer; Bob Baker; Glenn Dion; Caroline Gosse & her family of button and ticket sellers; Patty Heinz; Cathy Landroche; Jerome Landroche; Jimmy Alba; Steve Heath, Ashland Fire Chief; Tony Randall, Ashland Police Chief; and Alex Ray, Ida Gould & Alicia Wendelboe from the Common Man Family of Restaurants.

The Ashland Fourth of July Committee (A4JC) reorganized in January 2016 as a committee under the Town of Ashland's Heritage Commission and all funds raised for 2017 were deposited into the Town of Ashland Heritage Fund account. Funds held by Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA), a NH 501c3 not-for-profit corporation were used to pay 2016 expenses. Starting in 2017 all income and expenses will be handled through the Heritage Fund. The Town of Ashland sponsors all Fourth of July events executing all legal agreements & payments, engaging volunteers and overseeing all rules of conduct and safety. The Heritage Commission's Fourth of July Committee handles all fundraising & publicity.

Our sincere thanks to the sponsors, donors, advertisers and participants who financially support these annual traditions here in Ashland NH. Thousands of visitors from across the region come to Ashland and it takes many hands and hearts to make this happen. Please consider joining us. Meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6PM at the Firehouse from January through August. Everyone is welcome! 2017 events will include the **Parade Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 10:00 AM Rain or Shine and **Fireworks Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017** at dusk (rain date Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>).

**Ashland NH 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee  
(aka Ashland NH Sesquicentennial Committee)**

The current officers of the Committee are: Jane Sawyer, Chair; Kendall Hughes, Vice-Chair; Bob Baker, Finance/Treasurer; and Jeanette Stewart, Secretary. The Committee has been very active this year with deciding on a schedule of events for the July 2018 celebration and working on a logo. This has enabled us to start work on a proposed budget and fund-raising, to include a 100 Club and Gold 500 Club. Current plans are to start with a Civil War Ball, cemetery re-enactments of numerous town notables, a street dance, an alumni night and ending the week with a parade, ceremony and other events including fireworks.

Meetings in 2017 will be the fourth Thursday of every month at the Ashland Fire Station, unless otherwise posted. Donations may be made to "Ashland 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fund" and mailed to PO Box 15, Ashland NH 03217, which is a separate fund under the Ashland Historical Society. All are welcome to attend our meetings and/or join our email list!

Jane Sawyer, Chair  
([nhblue2@yahoo.com](mailto:nhblue2@yahoo.com))

## **ASHLAND HEAL**

The Town of Ashland received a grant in 2012 from the New Hampshire Healthy Eating and Active Living group to develop sustainable programs to promote both healthy eating and active living. Since that time, the Ashland Committee has undertaken several programs. The major projects that are still ongoing include a community garden and a bicycle program through the Bike/Pedestrian subcommittee.

The Community Garden subsequently received grants from both the Meredith Village Savings Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health, which allowed us to expand our garden. It has now entered its fourth successful year. The garden provides 4X8 garden plots for rent (\$10/season) to grow organic vegetables and flowers. Initially, we provided plants and now offer the opportunity to buy healthy plants from a local greenhouse. The Water and Sewer Department provides free water to the gardeners. We have expanded the number of beds (22) available to the community, installed a fence and gate around the property, purchased a lawnmower and have added a shed. The gardeners themselves are now mostly running the garden, but we have advisors who are certified organic gardeners or master gardeners.

The Bike Program within HEAL was originally supplemented through a grant from the Central New Hampshire Biking Coalition to purchase bike racks for the town. The program continues to grow under the leadership of Joe Mazzone. He obtains old bikes through a variety of sources, including the Ashland Transfer Station. He rebuilds/repairs these bikes and makes them available to both the Ashland and Plymouth Community Centers and the Ladders program in Plymouth. Also through this program, bikes are donated to the Circle Program and Mrs. Murphy's Missionary Program among others. Mr. Mazzone offered his services to the Circle Triathlon as mechanic and also the CNHBC in Concord. Thanks go to the Ashland Parks and Recreation Department for providing winter storage of the bikes at the campground bathhouse.

The program has delivered a total of 102 bicycles and 2 bicycle exercisers in 2016. The total for the program is 264. The HEAL account continues to support the purchase of parts for the bikes. The program has earned and given back to the HEAL account \$100.

Ashland can be proud of the HEAL program and the benefits it has provided to the community.

Fran Newton  
Chairman  
Ashland HEAL



## HERITAGE COMMISSION REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher

The Ashland Heritage Commission had a productive 2016 identifying and advancing key projects and establishing our areas of focus.

**Whipple House** - This 1837 home built by Obadiah Smith and donated to the Town of Ashland to be used for historic purposes is currently leased to the Ashland Historical Society and run as a museum with a one bedroom rental apartment. The Commission undertook an initial assessment of the building's condition in cooperation with the Ashland Historical Society, and the town's code and safety compliance inspections. All stakeholders met jointly to review deferred maintenance issues and agreed on decision making authority (BOS), financial responsibility (AHS) and priorities. The society corrected all code and safety issues and is working on addressing maintenance issues to insure its viability into the future.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Funds** - The Committee deposited all monies raised in 2016 and their remaining balance in the Heritage Fund. All monies for these events will now move through the Fund.

**Town Hall** - The Commission was awarded an LCHIP grant for \$18,250, 50% of the estimated \$36,500 required to conduct professional historical architectural and engineering assessment of Ashland Town Hall. The other half will be donations, in-kind work and warrant article appropriation. The building has been neglected in recent years due to budget constraints and suffers compliance deficiencies and physical degradation. The goal is to preserve the building's historic exterior and rehabilitate its interior making it safe, comfortable, durable and efficient.

**New Hampshire Barn Project** - The New Hampshire Preservation Society is conducting a barn survey with the goal of surveying 52 barns in 52 weeks in 2017. The Commission participated in the training event and has tentative plans to launch this effort in the spring. If you would like your historic barn included in this effort, please contact the Commission.

**Town of Ashland Municipal Signage** - The Selectmen asked the Commission to establish standards for all municipal signage for town owned buildings, parks and monuments which will be developed in 2017.

**The Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 4PM at the Fire Station** (always on 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter with other months held as needed). Please join our efforts to preserve Ashland's history.

Katie Maher, Chair (April 2018)

David Ruell, Recording Secretary (April 2017), President, Ashland Historical Society

Susan Macleod, Corresponding Secretary (April 2017)

Kathleen DeWolfe, (April 2018)

Leigh Sharps, Board of Selectmen (annual appointment)

*The Ashland Heritage Commission was established March 2015 by the passing of Warrant ARTICLE 14 in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 with five appointed and up to three alternate members and the creation of a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d. The Heritage Commission advises on the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts.*

## ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY -2016

Submitted by David Ruell, President

2016 saw progress in the Ashland Historical Society's ongoing work to preserve and communicate the history of Ashland.

The Reuben Whitten House has been a major focus of the Society's efforts in recent years as the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Year Without A Summer in 1816 approached. Past years did see structural repairs and the replacement of the shingle roof. This year, the exterior of the house was completed with new clapboards and trim, a new granite step, authentic window sash and door. The work on the house over three years was made possible by the donation of money, materials and labor that totaled around \$30,000. We thank the Reuben Whitten Committee, the volunteers, the individuals and the businesses who contributed to this effort. Although the interior still needs to be restored, the exterior of the building is in the best shape it has seen in decades and the house is now secure for well into its third century.

Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Whittens' generosity to their neighbors was the other focus of the Whitten Committee's efforts. Publicity of the Whitten story included presentations to local organizations, newspapers, magazines, social media, a website and television. Others joined in remembering the Whitten story, the Ashland Garden Club in its plantings, the Fourth of July Committee in its parade theme, and the Squam Lakes Conservation Society in naming a major conservation area on Highland Street "Whitten Woods". The Society itself sponsored three events, a First Frost Ice Cream Social in June, a Reuben Whitten program with a tour of the House and the Whitten Cemetery in July, and the Whitten Wheat Festival with a community meal and House tours in August. (See the website [www.reubenwhitten.org](http://www.reubenwhitten.org) for more information)

The Railroad Station Museum, again the most popular of our museums, hosted the spring train ride of the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts and nine fall foliage trains. The railroad shanty recently donated to the Society was moved to its permanent site and placed on blocks. It awaits further repairs. An authentic concrete post has been donated for the telephone box to be erected on the grounds. Copies of the Ashland railroad track layout maps were obtained from the State Archives. Postcards of old Ashland railroad photos were placed on sale.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum did not have regular open hours this year for the first time in its history, due to a lack of volunteers. But, it was open by appointment and for Appraisal Day in September. The Toy Museum received several gifts of dolls, games and toys. The only physical change of note was waterproofing of the foundation to help keep the basement dry.

The Whipple House Museum was examined this year by the Heritage Commission, the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief, which led to a number of safety improvements, including smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, the repair of two ceilings and the basement stairs, a no smoking sign, safety instructions and fire extinguisher training for museum guides. A new front door lock was installed. The apartment bathroom ceiling and the fences along the street and driveway were painted. An application for a Moose Plate grant to replace a leaking chimney that has resisted all attempts at repair was successful. The chimney should be rebuilt this coming year. Three hazardous trees were taken down. The summer exhibit was historic photographs of Ashland's older houses.

Our collections of artifacts and documents continue to grow, mostly by donations. Gifts this year included a significant collection of Ashland materials from Jeanne Demers, and Whipple family materials from the widow of Dr. Whipple's son. We added more folders of news items from local newspapers to cover three more years, so the collection now covers 1848 to 1945, as well as two more years of just the Plymouth paper. Recent news scrapbooks have been indexed and upgraded.

The Society's outside exhibits are enlarged copies of historic photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office were on Winter Travel, the View From Above (Ashland views from high points or the air), the Historical Society Museums, and Victorian Houses in Ashland. Our Christmas Night exhibit featured Ashland's four churches.

The Society sponsored seven free public programs, including the three on Reuben Whitten. Three N.H. Humanities programs were Carrie Brown on how the technology of the Civil War spurred industrial growth after the war, Steve Taylor on poor houses and town farms in New Hampshire, and co-sponsored with the new Ashland Heritage Commission, Maggie Stier on how lost buildings have been remembered in our state. Ross Deachman talked on the history of the Draper & Maynard Company in Ashland and displayed his collection of D&M memorabilia. Another public event of note was the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to John Cilley at the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The only fundraising campaign was for the Whitten House. We also raised money from membership and business sponsor drives and appeals, sales, donations at the museums and by mail, a donation from the local tourist railroad, and the rent of the Whipple House apartment.

As the sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Ashland's incorporation as a town in 2018 approaches, we look forward to working with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to celebrate the history of Ashland.

In closing, we must thank all who gave their time, money, treasures and labor to our museums, exhibits, programs and projects in 2016. The Society can only succeed with the support of many generous individuals, businesses and organizations.

## **ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK - 2016**

Trustees: Steve Jaquith, Mark Liebert, and Liz Stevens

As the year 2016 comes to a close, we the Trustees of the Park take a moment to reflect on the progress that was made this year.

The Park has been used by a number of groups and organizations this year for gatherings, as well as residents just stopping to enjoy the river views. This summer the AARA sponsored six free concerts this year, and are hoping to do the same in 2017.

In April we had an excellent turn out for our work party. We decided to eliminate a few of the paths that were in the park. Many of the paths had grown over with grass and the pavers had become recessed and/or broken. The old pavers were pulled up, the ground underneath them leveled; those that were broken and crumbling were disposed of, and either pavers were replaced, or the area was seeded for grass. A crew of volunteers took out the staircase on the south side of the park, which was deteriorating. The fence was again installed to inhibit the geese from soiling the grass down near the river.

Also in April Mike Letulippe and his crew installed the long awaited set of stairs in the park. Tim Paquette and some of his men also assisted in installing the granite staircase. The area around the stairs was back filled with loam, and grass seed was put down. In September railings were fabricated and installed on both sides of the stairs. Later in the fall Renee Liebert from Joyful Earth Gardening donated over 100 daffodil bulbs, which were planted by her and her crew on both sides of the new staircase!

In the spring, and throughout the summer the Ashland Garden Club, and the Beautification Committee worked very hard to plant and maintain Flag Island, the horse trough, and the flowers throughout the park. This year's color theme was blue and white in commemoration of the "Year without a Summer." Tim Paquette and his crew have also worked all summer, keeping the grass clipped and edged.

Most recently there were a host of Santa's elves that came together to decorate the Park for the Holidays. It has been stated that the Park has never been so festive with all the lights and the trimmings.

In closing we the Trustee's would like to extend our thanks to all that helped, again this year to maintain our lovely green space in the center of town. Memorial Park is a perfect place for the residents of Ashland, their families and their visitors to come to after doing a little shopping, having a meal at one of our local eateries, or just to have a quiet spot to sit and read or visit.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Memorial Park Trustees

**Ashland Memorial Park**  
**2016 Financial Statement**  
Kathryn E. Jaquith, Treasurer

Balance on hand – Jan. 1, 2016  
\$905.19

Credits: AARA-Town Wide yard Sale	\$85.00
Transfers from Invested Funds	\$9,500.00
Interest	\$.32

Total Credits  
+\$9,585.32

Expenditures: Steve Jaquith - Storage Totes	\$23.94
USP - Box Rent	\$60.00
Swenson Granite - Granite Steps	\$1,541.64
Steve Jaquith – Park Supplies	\$53.71
Swenson Granite – Granite Steps	\$569.16
Mark Ober – Hay bales	\$20.00
PF Property Maintenance – Spring Clean Up	\$225.00
Steve Jaquith – Grass Seed	\$54.99
Steve Jaquith – Park Supplies	\$181.70
East Coast Welding – Railings	\$4,800.00
PF Property Maintenance – Fall Clean Up	\$385.00

Total Expenditures -  
\$7,915.14  
Balance on hand – Dec. 31, 2016  
\$2,575.37

## NOTES

# **2016**

# **VITAL STATISTICS**



## TOWN OF ASHLAND – VITAL RECORDS 2016

BIRTHS	DATE	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
HORN, NOAH EVERETT	03/05/2016	LEBANON, NH	HORN, PETER	GALLAGHER, KATHRYN
COOLIDGE, CONNOR LEWIS	03/05/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	COOLIDGE, NATHAN	COOLIDGE, DENISE
RAFFERTY, SAWYER RYAN	03/17/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	RAFFERTY, RYAN	RAFFERTY, RICHELLE
KELSEY, TESSA NICOLE	05/22/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	KELSEY, ERIC	KELSEY, JULIE
HICKEY, GEORGE DANIEL	06/04/2016	LACONIA, NH	HICKEY, EVAN	HICKEY, REBECCA
MIDDLETON, AUTUMN ROSE	06/28/2016	CONCORD, NH	MIDDLETON, WILLIAM	MIDDLETON, ANDRESSA
MACKAY, HARPER EVERLEY	07/06/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	MACKAY, BRUCE	MACKAY, NATALIE
GREGORY, GRACE LEA	07/06/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	GREGORY, DOUGLASS	TURNER, ALICIA
SMITH, PHOEBE ROSE	07/17/2016	LACONIA, NH	SMITH, STEPHEN	SMITH, TERESA
HALE, BANYAN TAKODA LUSH	08/14/2016	CONCORD, NH	LUSH, JED	HALE, LINDSAY
FRY, DECKLAN NICHOLAS	08/28/2016	LEBANON, NH		FRY, ERICA
TOOMEY, LUCAS SEBASTIAN	10/15/2016	LEBANON, NH	TOOMEY, JACOB	TOOMEY, TERESA
MCCOMISKEY, BRAYDEN DAVID	11/13/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH		MCCOMISKEY, JUSTINE
WIXSON, ISAAC JAMES	12/12/2016	PLYMOUTH, NH	WIXSON, JONATHAN	WIXSON, CHRISTIN

DEATHS	DATE	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
ENGBORG, EDWIN	01/01/2016	ASHLAND	ENGBORG II, EDWIN	HANSON, EVELYN
HODSDON, PHYLLIS	01/18/2016	ASHLAND	AHERN, PHILIP	DAVIS, HANNAH
BUMP, DONALD	01/26/2016	ASHLAND	WHITTIER, ROBERT	BUMP, RUTH
NEWTON, GUINEVERE	02/24/2016	ASHLAND	DOWNING, WALTER	BROWN, ETHEL
STEWART SR, JAMES	03/08/2016	MERRIMACK	STEWART, WILLIAM	HARRIS, ADELE
BEEDE, BRETT	03/19/2016	ASHLAND	BEEDE, JOHN	DOYLE, PATRICIA
HILL, BERT	04/02/2016	NORTH HAVERHILL	HILL, ROLLAND	BURGESS, CORA
PELINO, ERIC	07/17/2016	LACONIA	PELINO, GUIDO	JOHNSON, VERONICA
PEARSON, CRAIG	07/24/2016	ASHLAND	PEARSON, PAUL	MESSIER, FRANCINE
DE WOLFE, NORMAND	08/04/2016	ASHLAND	DE WOLFE JR, WILLIAM	RAICHE, CONSTANCE
KING, VERNON	08/16/2016	PLYMOUTH	KING, CHARLES	BRADY, ESTELLE
GALLAGHER, PHILLIP	10/13/2016	LEBANON	GALLAGHER, PHILLIP	SCOTHORNE, NANCY
BENJAMIN, PAUL	10/27/2016	ASHLAND	BENJAMIN, ARTHUR	HENNESSEY, MARY
PRINCE-FORCIER, MADELEINE	11/06/2016	ASHLAND	PRINCE, ANTONIO	LALIBERTE, ALBINIA
MACKAY, BARBARA	11/21/2016	ASHLAND	CASWELL, RALPH	COLE, RUTH
SCOGNAMIGLIO JR, CIRO	11/25/2016	ASHLAND	SCOGNAMIGLIO SR, CIRO	MALLON, MARY



MARRIAGES		TOWN ISSUED	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE
DESTEFANO, ALLISON K ASHLAND	LELLOS, JOHN P ASHLAND	ASHLAND	ALEXANDRIA	3/19/2016
ROBERTSON-JONES, HEATHER ASHLAND	SPENARD, MELISSA L ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	3/31/2016
MIDDLETON, WILLIAM H ASHLAND	FREITAG, ANDRESSA F ASHLAND	CONWAY	CENTER CONWAY	4/7/2016
LANE, MEGAN E ASHLAND	MARCROFT, IAN D ASHLAND	ASHLAND	GROTON	6/4/2016
BARBATO, TESS R ASHLAND	WANI, JONATHAN N WORCESTER, MA	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	7/11/2016
MCIVER, COLIN A ASHLAND	KAISER, CLAIRE E DANBY, VT	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	7/30/2016
ADJUTANT, TASHA M ASHLAND	BOSCO, MICHAEL P ASHLAND	ASHLAND	ROLLINSFORD	10/08/2016
CHAMBERLAIN, STUART R ASHLAND	SMITH, STEPHENIE M ASHLAND	PLYMOUTH	ASHLAND	10/30/2016

## NOTES

# **2016 STATISTICAL AND TOWN FINANCIAL REPORTS**



## TOWN CLERK 2016 ANNUAL REORT

Pat Crowell and I have had a great year serving you, our residents. We have been able to assist you with your vehicle issues, vital record issues, registering voters, answering any type of questions that you may have. It has been our pleasure.

The office continues to offer payment by credit card, you the customers are charged a 2.79% fee for this convenience. We also implemented the one check system, meaning that registrations can be done with one check made out to the Town of Ashland that includes for the state and town fees. This has been noted to be a positive action. Residents are able to renew vehicle registration online by credit card or echeck. We continue to have training through the state and the town clerk's association.

The following is a partial listing of a town clerk's duties and functions that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations and titles
- Issue dog licenses [due April 30]
- Issue marriage licenses
- Produce certified copies of death, birth, marriage, divorce records
- Record and preserve public records of the Town
- Record and certify minutes of Town Meeting
- Accept voter registrations and forward them to the Supervisors of the checklist
- Assist in conducting Federal, State and Local Elections
- Administers Oath of Office to elected and appointed officials
- Receives service of writs of actions against the town
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Works with Department of Environmental Services

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by the state for town clerks, we at this office.

- Issue decals and plates - within the limits permitted by the State of NH
- Provide notary services
- Pursues payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds
- Issue transfer station permits
- Aid the public in genealogy searches
- Respond to inquiries from the general public

This office is governed by the following state and federal agencies

- NH Department of Safety - Motor Vehicle Division
  - Bureau of Registration
  - Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
  - Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- NH Department of Agriculture [Animal Industry Division]
- NH Secretary of State
  - Division of Vital Records Administration
  - Division of Archives and Records Management
  - Election Division
- US Compliance with HAVA and ADA
- NH Department of Environmental Services
- NH Office of Information Technology
- NH Department of Revenue Administration

This office is audited by the town auditors and the town clerk's office is also audited by their state auditor.

Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8-4 and Thursday 8-5. This office is where you come if you wish to declare residency, register to vote, register vehicles, search vital records or town records or if you have any general questions we will do our best to get you pointed in the right direction.

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

### TOWN CLERK MONTHLY ACTIVITY 2016

	REGISTRATIONS	DOGS TOWN	*unaudited DOGS STATE \$	VITALS TOWN	VITALS STATE \$	MISC REVENUE	MV STATE \$
JAN	\$ 26,085.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 2.30	\$ 8,027.32
FEB	\$ 21,566.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.50	\$ 209.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 115.35	\$ 9,340.72
MAR	\$ 29,755.00	\$ 178.50	\$ 100.50	\$ 98.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 11,404.34
APR	\$ 29,810.00	\$ 729.50	\$ 381.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 159.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 10,834.00
MAY	\$ 30,700.66	\$ 272.00	\$ 131.50	\$ 67.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 4.60	\$ 12,150.57
JUN	\$ 42,443.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 115.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 107.30	\$ 12,958.68
JUL	\$ 27,849.40	\$ 20.00	\$ 12.50	\$ 135.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 11,047.38
AUG	\$ 36,010.00	\$ 99.50	\$ 28.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 1.15	\$ 11,788.74
SEP	\$ 31,847.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 42.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 4.60	\$ 10,620.54
OCT	\$ 26,432.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 47.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 11,470.70
NOV	\$ 26,339.00	\$ 10.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 263.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 1.15	\$ 9,606.28
DEC	\$ 22,765.00			\$ 71.00	\$ 69.00		\$ 8,011.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 351,602.06</b>	<b>\$ 1,681.00</b>	<b>\$ 820.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,501.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,944.00</b>	<b>\$ 257.15</b>	<b>\$ 127,261.16</b>



## Tax Collector's Report

Form Due Date: **March 1 (Calendar Year), September 1 (Fiscal Year)**

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: ASHLAND

County:

GRAFTON

Report Year:

2016

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

PATRICIA

Last Name

TUCKER

Street No.

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Street Name

HIGHLAND

Phone Number

(603) 968-4432

Email (optional)

ptucker@ashland.nh.gov



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Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2015	Year:	Year:
Property Taxes	3110	\$464,098.84			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,461.15			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015			
Property Taxes	3110	\$5,739,184.01			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$4,067.81			
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015			
Property Taxes	3110	\$10,773.57			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$8,339.18	\$21,350.33		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		\$5,762,364.57	\$486,910.32		
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$5,231,672.88	\$332,887.23		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$4,067.81	\$1,461.15		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$8,339.18	\$21,350.33		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$126,138.70		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$5,217.38	\$5,072.91		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				





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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015		
Property Taxes	\$513,067.32			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ②				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ②				
Total Credits		\$5,762,364.57	\$486,910.32	



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Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013-	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$51,603.07	\$45,101.28	\$33,979.28	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$137,126.47			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$5,599.24	\$3,181.03	\$10,240.15	
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$142,725.71</b>	<b>\$54,784.10</b>	<b>\$55,341.43</b>	
			<b>\$35,926.20</b>	

Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies			
	2015	2014	2013-	
Redemptions	\$79,890.83	\$12,553.46	\$29,727.53	
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$5,599.24	\$3,181.03	\$10,240.15	
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$57,235.64	\$39,049.61	\$15,373.75	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$142,725.71</b>	<b>\$54,784.10</b>	<b>\$55,341.43</b>	
			<b>\$35,926.20</b>	



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**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

PATRICIA

TUCKER

01/10/2017

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

*Patricia Tucker*

Preparer's Signature and Title

# ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2016	\$ 2,267,139.28	\$ 595,981.08	\$ 112,734.96	\$ 450,036.07
DEPOSITS	\$ 6,706,174.65	\$ 3,014,427.21	\$ 241,985.78	\$ 660,227.86
EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,810,455.83	\$ 3,248,792.48	\$ 318,340.98	\$ 400,495.61
INTEREST	\$ 3,800.74	\$ 971.99	\$ 207.37	\$ 1,089.14
TOTAL	\$ 2,166,658.84	\$ 362,587.80	\$ 36,587.13	\$ 710,857.46
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2016				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 360,103.32		\$ 36,587.13	
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 1,806,555.52	\$ 44,840.63		\$ 24,089.90
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT		\$ 76,385.15		\$ 480,097.39
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 2,166,658.84	\$ 121,225.78	\$ 36,587.13	\$ 504,187.29
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 27,484.26		\$ 206,670.17
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 213,877.76		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK		\$ 241,362.02		\$ 206,670.17
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$ 2,166,658.84	\$ 362,587.80	\$ 36,587.13	\$ 710,857.46
ESCROW ACCOUNT LEAVITT HILL PROJECT (PRIVATE FUNDS)				
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5.00	4TH OF JULY BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ -
DEPOSITS	\$ -	4TH OF JULY DEPOSITS		\$ 27,936.44
EXPENDITURES	\$ 5.00	4TH OF JULY INTEREST		\$ 33.71
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2016	\$ -	4TH OF JULY EXPENDITURES		\$ 14,000.00
		ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 2016		\$ 13,970.15

<b>2016 GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS</b>				
	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL YEAR 2006</b>	<b>INTEREST YEAR 2006</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL BALANCE</b>
<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE</b>				
\$235,631 Water System Bond 01-4711-20-981	March	6,041.83	2,889.48	
Due Annually @3.99%	<b>September</b>	6,041.83	2,770.28	\$ 132,920.34
Payable to Northway		\$ 12,083.66	\$ 5,659.76	
Final Payment 9/10/2027				
\$1,092,191 Water Project 01-4721-20-984	January	32,123	14,099	
Interest @ 3.99%	July	32,123	13,458	\$ 642,465
Payable to Northway Bank		\$ 64,247	\$ 27,557	
Final Payment 07/16/2026				
\$944,000 River St Improvement R1 and R2 01-4711-20-986	January		17,615	
Interest @ 2.753%	June	47,000	17,615	\$ 846,000
Payable to NHMBB-Peoples United Bank		\$ 47,000	\$ 35,230	
Final payment 08/15/2029				
<b>Subtotal Long Term Debt</b>		<b>\$ 123,330</b>	<b>\$ 68,447</b>	<b>\$ 1,621,386</b>
<b>UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM: CAPITAL LEASE:</b>				
\$132,096 - PW Loader Lease/Purchase 01-4902-40-500	April	28,036	1,060	27,881
Interest @ 3.3%				
Payable to John Deere Financial				
Final Payment 04/10/2017				
\$48,719 - TS Lease Purchase Mini Loader 01-4902-40-600	Monthly	12,938		27,156
Payable to Wells Fargo Equipment Monthly				
Final Payment 06/07/2019				
<b>Subtotal Capital Lease</b>		<b>\$ 40,974</b>	<b>\$ 1,060</b>	<b>\$ 55,037</b>
<b>Total Debt</b>		<b>\$ 164,304</b>	<b>\$ 69,506</b>	<b>\$ 1,676,423</b>

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND ON DECEMBER 31, 2016

## MS-9

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVEST ED	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	PRINCIPAL WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR	GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME
COMMON TRUST FUND												
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	7,950.00			7,950.00	3,738.27	1,322.04		5,060.31	13,010.31
9/18/66	Crimmings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	MF	800.00			800.00	3,674.84	599.89		4,274.73	5,074.73
2/8/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	MF	1,013.39			1,013.39	443.54	212.62		656.16	1,689.55
8/7/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	MF	2,109.90			2,109.90	645.23	401.99		1,047.22	3,157.12
5/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library	MF	983.86			983.86	976.57	68.23		1,044.80	2,028.66
3/1/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem.Park		*3578.23								
8/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance		*38549.73								
	J.Rollins & Memorial Park *	Mem.Park	MF	42,127.96			42,127.96	17,576.02	-5,438.08	9500	12,137.94	54,265.90
11/29/12	Blake Firemans Association	Fire Fund	MF	48,432.13			48,432.13	474.66	5,241.19		5,715.85	54,147.98
10/13/12	Water Tank	CRF	MM	101,015.13			101,015.13	304.30			304.30	101,319.43
12/31/12	Road Improvement	CRF	MM	357,000.22	125,000.00		482,000.22		1,087.75		1,087.75	483,087.97
3/9/04	Employee Dissability Fund	CRF	MM	2,451.89			2,451.89		7.39		7.39	2,459.28
3/12/02	Ashland Electric	CRF	MM	282,896.46	75,000.00	49,500.00	308,396.46		847.96		847.96	309,244.42
4/1/07	Ashland Water	CRF	MM	22,041.73		22,041.73	0.00		64.58		64.58	
4/1/07	Ashland Sewer	CRF	MM	22,438.80			22,438.80		67.60		67.60	22,506.40
4/13/12	Septic Receiving	CRF	MM	426,768.35			426,768.35		1,285.58		1,285.58	428,053.93
8/1/11	Town Clock	CRF	MM	4,545.97			4,545.97		13.70		13.70	4,559.67
12/20/16	Emergency Management	CRF	MM		1,000.00		1,000.00					1,000.00
7/10/13	Police Car	CRF	MM	29,412.17	30,000.00	31,166.17	28,246.00		121.26		121.26	28,367.26
12/31/13	Fire Truck replace or repair	CRF	MM	125,312.77	50,000.00		175,312.77		382.42		382.42	175,695.19
12/15/15	Town Building Maintenance	CRF	MM	25,000.35	25,000.00	13,199.00	36,801.35		4.71		4.71	36,806.06
12/15/15	Library Building Fund	CRF	MM	25,000.35			25,000.35		7.52		7.52	25,007.87
7/12/16	Publics Works	CRF	MM		35,000.00		30,264.00		0.81		0.81	4,736.81
	School District Special	CRF	MM	66,906.98			66,906.98		201.55		201.55	67,108.53
12/12/13	School Safety	CRF	MM	80,164.76	75,000.00		155,164.76		309.31		309.31	155,474.07
5/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	MF	9,336.34			9,336.34	4,676.30	870.74	1,000.00	5,547.04	14,883.38
8/16/87	Edward M. Doggett Memorial	Scholarship	MF	2,012.62			2,012.62	399.35	123.01		522.36	2,534.98
	COMMON TRUST FUND TOTAL			1,685,722.13	416,000.00	(146,170.90)	1,954,551.23	32,604.78	8,108.07		41,702.85	1,996,264.08
Special Note: 2013 Warrant Article #5 instructed the Town to place \$125,000 into Road Improvement Capitol Reserve Fund; Only 18,035.29 was provided to Trustees.												
The Failure of the Selectboard to transfer the funds from the above Warrant Article leaves \$106,964.71 unaccounted for.												
Reported to AG's office, they show no interest.												

## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2016 [MS-1]

### VALUE OF LAND ONLY

CURRENT USE	\$	180,519.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$	-
RESIDENTIAL	\$	68,290,850.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	12,564,650.00
 TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	 \$	 81,036,019.00

### VALUE OF BUILDING ONLY

RESIDENTIAL	\$	121,102,700.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$	3,125,600.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	27,816,550.00
 TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	 \$	 152,044,850.00

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

PSNH DRA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$	4,693,956.00
SQUAM RIVER POWER LLC	\$	323,250.00
NORTHWOODS RENEWABLES	\$	42,150.00
 TOTAL UTILITIES	 \$	 5,059,356.00

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$	238,140,225.00
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### EXEMPTIONS

BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$	75,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$	380,000.00
RSA 72:36-A	\$	745,350.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$	1,200,350.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX REATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY AND LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	236,939,875.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$	231,880,519.00
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*INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS-1 FORM  
2016 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY*

# Scribner Memorial Trust

December 31, 2016

**Balance as of December 31, 2015      \$110,045.02**

<b>Expenses:</b>	2015	2016
Maintenance	1871.28	2206.22
Supplies	295.05	185.90
Insurance	974.00	1021.00
Bookkeeper	0.00	0.00
Fuel	2536.42	1556.80
Misc.	777.45	674.91
Telephone	428.95	501.66
Security Fire	357.36	378.84
Scribner Trustees	1250.00	1250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8490.51</b>	<b>7775.33</b>

## Income

MVSB Interest	\$ .22	.09
MVSB Deposits	\$ .00	.00
Transferred Funds-Stock	\$ 9500.00	7500.00

## Account Balances:

MVSB	\$ 1336.02	1060.99
Brokerage Money Mkt	7.00	0
Lord Abbett SECS TR	0	3875.67
Loomis Sayles INVT TR	0	9292.26
Black Rock FDSII	0	9274.10
Alliance BernStein	10832.80	12523.53
Income Fund of America	9246.17	10243.45
AF Capitol World Growth	28080.67	15995.65
First Eagle FDS-Inc	27154.63	22182.06
Permanent Portfolio FD	13784.30	13221.50
Prudential Jennison	6319.14	0
Sabrient Bakers Dozen	13284.29	13324.79

**TOTAL                      \$ 110045.02      110994.00**

**Balance as of December 31, 2016      \$ 110,994.00**

Submitted by:

Richard Pare'  
Thomas Peters  
Richard Ogden  
Mark Ober  
Alfred Salvoni





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**2016**  
**\$24.37**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Ashland

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,035,194	\$236,939,875	<b>\$8.59</b>
County	\$419,013	\$236,939,875	<b>\$1.77</b>
Local Education	\$2,745,704	\$236,939,875	<b>\$11.59</b>
State Education	\$562,071	\$231,880,519	<b>\$2.42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,761,982</b>		<b>\$24.37</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,761,982
War Service Credits	(\$28,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$5,733,982</b>

*Stephan Hamilton*

Stephan Hamilton  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

10/26/2016

Director-Approved Final Tax Rate - Ashland

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# **Town of Ashland Tax Rate Guide**

The following is a guide on how the town's property tax rate is set each year by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Using 2016 as an example, the tax rate calculation has three main components:

## **1. Total appropriations**

- a. An amount voted upon by the legislative body (SB2 vote). In 2016 this amount was \$6,732,287. (Note; total amount includes the utility departments budget)

## **2. Total estimated revenue**

- a. Over the course of a calendar year the town receives revenue from various sources such as; motor vehicle registrations, permits, licenses, charges for services, and the state; for example, the meals and rooms tax. The total estimated revenues in 2016 was \$4,745,645 which includes user fees from utilities and unassigned fund balance to lower the rate.

## **3. Adjustments (Credits & Overlay)**

- a. Two adjustments are added to the total tax effort.
  - i. War Service Credits for our veterans (\$28,000) and an overlay (\$20,552) which is an allowance for nonpayment of taxes.

Once the three components are determined the tax effort is calculated as such:

Total Appropriations	\$6,732,287
- Total Revenue	(\$4,665,645)
- Fund Balance Use	(\$80,000)
+ War Service Credits	\$28,000
+ Overlay	\$20,552
Amount Raised from Taxes (tax effort)	<b>\$2,035,194</b>

The amount raised from taxes is then divided by the town's total property valuation and multiplied by \$1,000 to determine the town's tax rate, note below:

$$(\text{Amount Raised} / \text{Total Property Valuation}) \times \$1,000$$

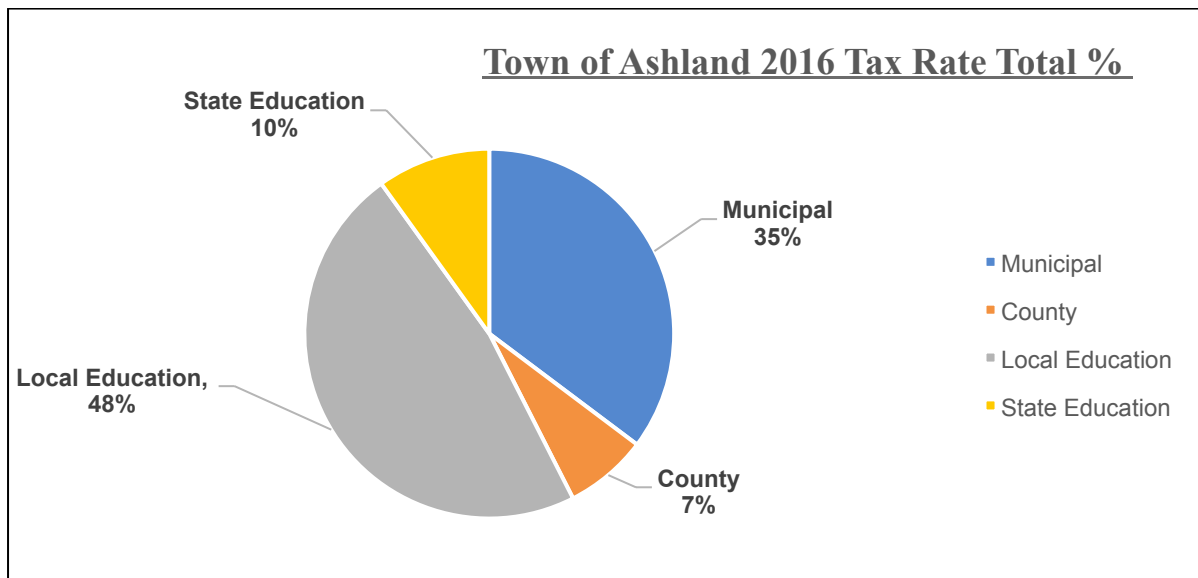
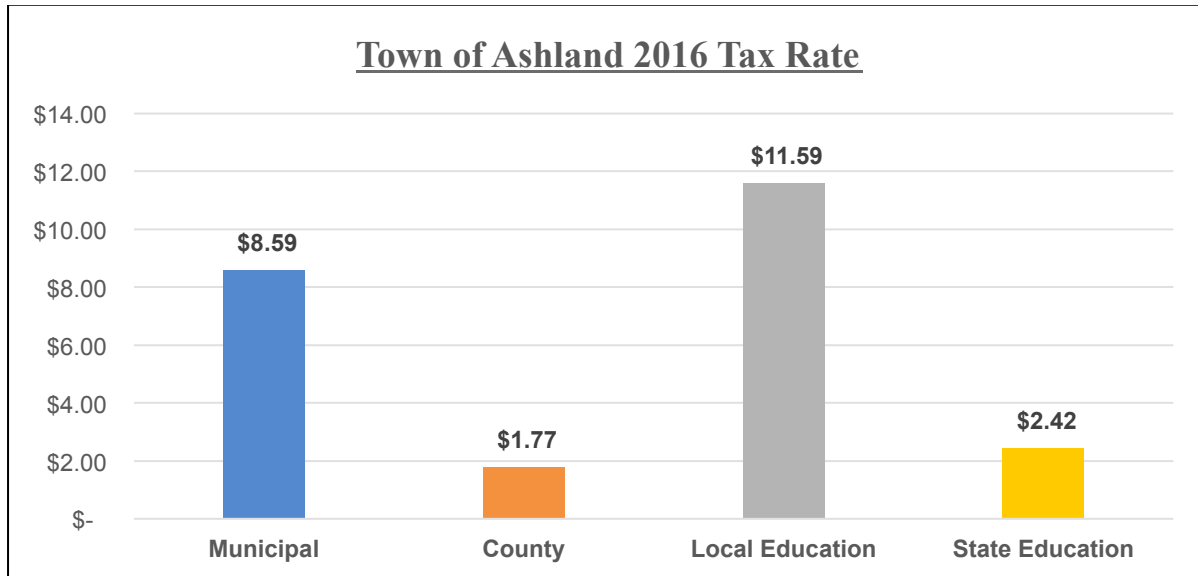
$$(\$2,035,194 / \$236,939,875) \times \$1,000 = \$8.59$$

Therefore in 2016, the town's portion of the total property tax rate was \$8.59. Below is a breakdown of the towns total tax rate:

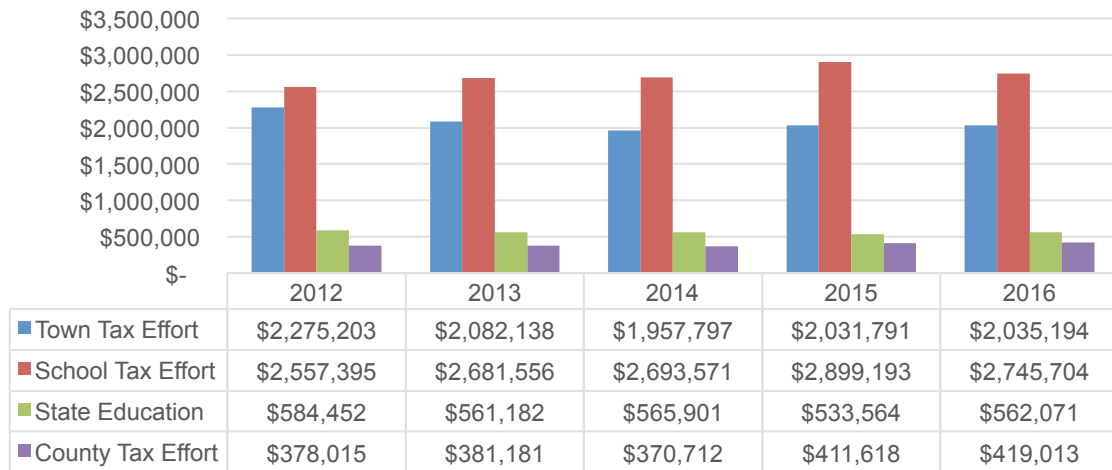
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Tax Effort</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>
Town	\$2,035,194	\$236,939,875	\$8.59
County	\$419,013	\$236,939,875	\$1.77
Local Education	\$2,745,704	\$236,939,875	\$11.59
State Education	\$562,071	\$231,880,519	\$2.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,761,982</b>		<b>\$24.37</b>

*Note: the state does not include the valuation of utility poles to determine the state education tax rate*

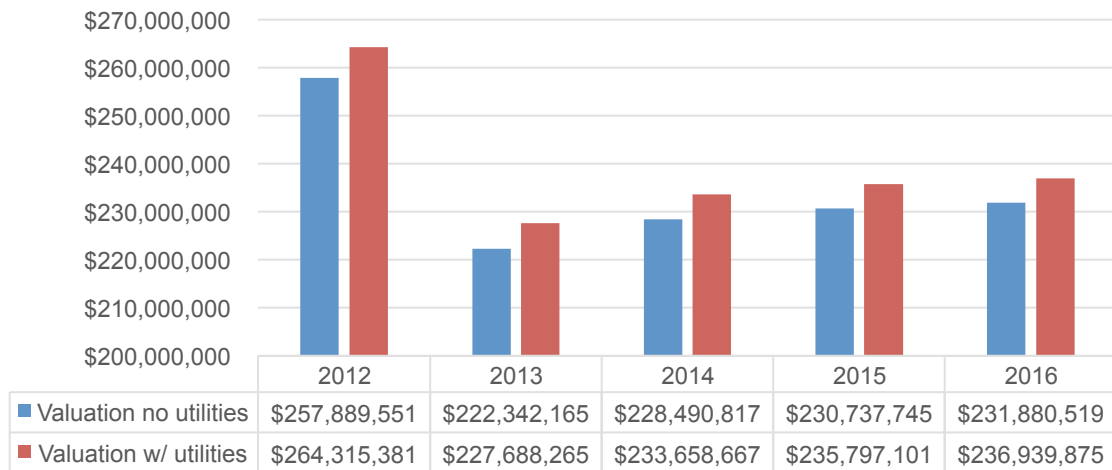
Below are a few charts and graphs that illustrate the current tax rate and a five year historical analysis on the town's tax rate, tax effort, total property valuation and revenues.



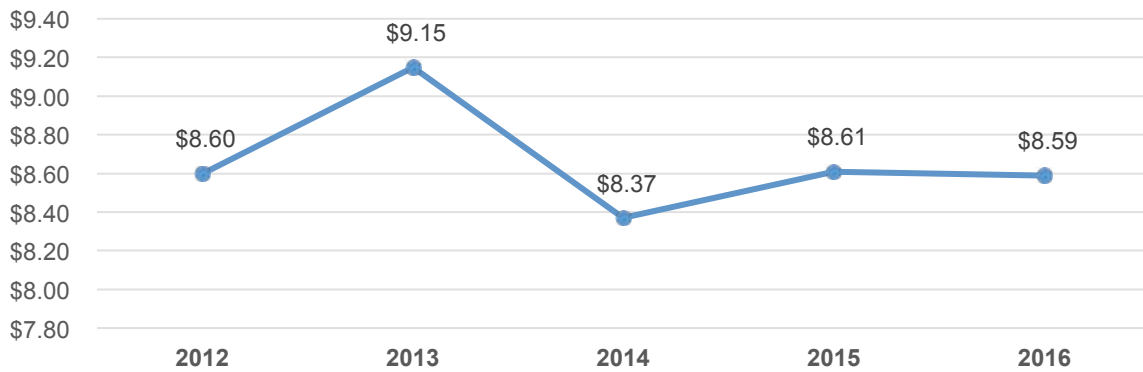
### Town of Ashland Tax Effort



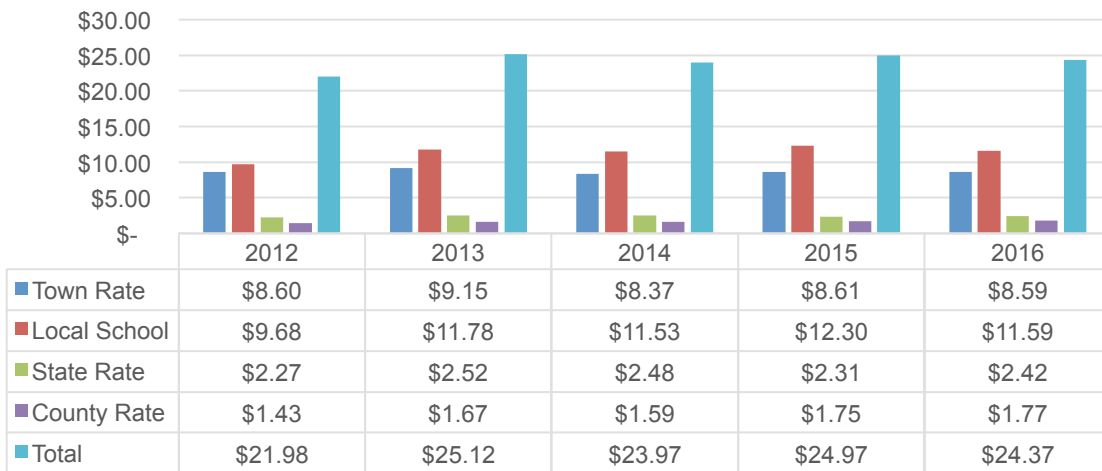
### Town of Ashland Total Property Valuation



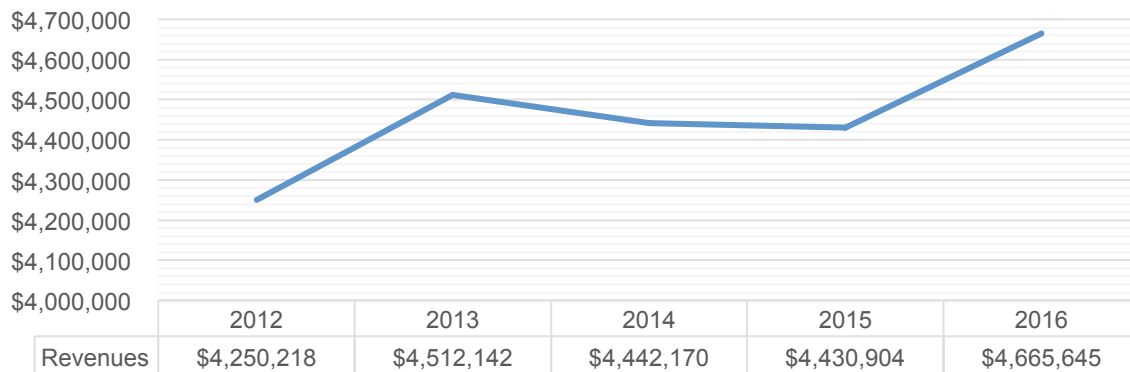
### Town of Ashland Town Tax Rate



### Town of Ashland Tax Rate



### Town of Ashland Revenues





## DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations Ashland

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the appropriations used in computing the tax rate.

### Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
<b>General Government</b>					
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$206,675	\$0	\$206,675
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$44,814	\$0	\$44,814
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$112,023	\$0	\$112,023
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$48,110	\$0	\$48,110
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$8,857	\$0	\$8,857
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$37,356	\$0	\$37,356
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$50	\$0	\$50
4196	Insurance	05	\$128,407	\$0	\$128,407
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	05	\$500	\$0	\$500
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210-4214	Police	05	\$560,974	\$0	\$560,974
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	\$48,510	\$0	\$48,510
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$233,245	\$0	\$233,245
4240-4249	Building Inspection	05	\$13,996	\$0	\$13,996
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Administration	05	\$252,875	\$0	\$252,875
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$278,674	\$0	\$278,674
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$139,646	\$0	\$139,646
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Administration	05	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,354
4414	Pest Control	05	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	23,25,26,27,28,29,30	\$27,985	\$0	\$27,985
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$9,508	\$0	\$9,508
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$103,812	\$0	\$103,812
4550-4559	Library	05	\$61,340	\$0	\$61,340
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$28,839	\$0	\$28,839
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	05	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$123,331	\$0	\$123,331
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$67,747	\$0	\$67,747
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$1	\$0	\$1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09,10	\$41,127	\$0	\$41,127
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	12	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	06	\$3,162,531	\$0	\$3,162,531

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	08	\$390,000	\$0	\$390,000
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	07	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11,13,14,15,19	\$236,000	\$0	\$236,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>			<b>\$6,732,287</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,732,287</b>



# TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

			VALUE	VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
001-003-006 to 35	L/O NORTH ASHLAND RD	8.8	\$ 49,800.00		4063	756	6/20/14
003-001-007	CORNER RTE 132/COLLINS ST	0.41	\$ 35,900.00				
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET [LANDFILL]	28.4	\$ 187,600.00	\$ 66,400.00	1142	551	6/9/71
003-003-001	L/O NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 8,200.00				
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET [WWTF]	108	\$ 285,050.00	\$ 7,833,600.00			4/22/55
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE [PUMP STATION]	36.34	\$ 187,900.00	\$ 23,400.00	2191	54	4/15/96
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN ST	0.44	\$ 36,600.00				
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET [BALLFIELD/CLUB HOUSE]	7	\$ 224,150.00	\$ 186,200.00			
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119	
	DEED- SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/52
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/62
	DEED- BROWN				770	328	
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/69
005-001-005	LAND - NORTH ASHLAND ROAD	0.98	\$ 8,100.00		4063	758	6/20/14
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 [SCENIC VIEW RD/OWL BROOK]	0.05	\$ 6,700.00		2394	653	5/24/99
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 [SCENIC VIEW RD/OWL BROOK]	0.04	\$ 5,400.00		2394	651	5/24/99
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL RD [EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH]	1.5	\$ 777,300.00	\$ 4,400.00	863	431	5/18/55
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL RD [E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND]	5.2	\$ 326,350.00	\$ 70,600.00			
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 176,100.00			
014-001-020	RIVER STREET [BOAT LAUNCH]	0.15	\$ 81,750.00				
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET/ CROSS ROAD						
015-001-020	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD	0.19	\$ 4,350.00		549	503	
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	0.52	\$ 30,800.00		471	126	
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,400.00		1109	519	3/3/70
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 20,400.00		2394	652	5/24/99
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY [ASHLAND SCHOOLS]	26	\$ 312,200.00	\$ 2,879,200.00			
016-003-021	L/O SCHOOL STREET	0.55	\$ 38,050.00		726	135	
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND ST [TOWN HALL]	0.61	\$ 143,500.00	\$ 467,700.00	319	514	
					1167	405	
					939	225	
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 15,100.00		2155	649	8/24/95
					2155	653	8/24/95

## TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BLD VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
016-009-009	MAIN ST/RIVERSIDE DR [MEMORIAL PARK]	0.94	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	1099	428	
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/69
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	429	8/25/69
	DEED - HAVLOCK				1029	500	
017-001-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 1,050.00				
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT ST [WHIPPLE HOUSE]	0.93	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 210,700.00	1120	106	7/21/70
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET [SCRIBNER LIBRARY]	0.4	\$ 142,900.00	\$ 250,700.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935		
017-007-012	MAIN STREET [LAND UNDER LEGION BLD]	0.75	\$ 168,600.00	\$ 13,800.00	402	182	6/11/1890
	DEANE LOT				TAX DEED 1938		
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC [PARKING LOT]	0.31	\$ 100,200.00	\$ 10,100.00	712	169	
					1090	557	
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET [FIRE STATION]	0.59	\$ 158,300.00	\$ 561,200.00	425	82	6/17/1895
					1034	174	
					1267	264	12/19/75
017-009-003	MAIN STREET/DEPOT STREET	0.07					
017-011-002	L/O DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 1,050.00				
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 57,100.00		2394	650	5/24/99
018-001-001	6 COLLINS ST [UTILITY/HIGHWAY GARAGE]	3.5	\$ 195,300.00	\$ 401,700.00	1359	656	
018-001-001-001	DEPOT STREET	27.76	\$ 56,750.00				
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	\$ 27,550.00		1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	\$ 27,400.00		1416	659	3/5/81
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD [WATER TOWER]	1.2	\$ 89,900.00	\$ 673,400.00	1424	233	6/17/81
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE	0.59	\$ 800.00		3005	855	
	WATER MAINS		\$ 3,881,100.00				
	TOWN CLOCK DEED RECORDED TOWN CLERK BOOK - MAY 22, 1894						
	SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS - SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND						

# AUDITS



**Additional Offices:**

Nashua, NH  
Andover, MA  
Greenfield, MA  
Ellsworth, ME

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assess-

ments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for (1) our adverse audit opinion on the reporting entity; (2) our qualified opinion on the business-type activities; and (3) our unmodified opinion on the governmental activities, the major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information.

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on Reporting Entity and Qualified Opinion on the Business-type Activities**

Management has not included the Water and Sewer Department Enterprise Funds, as described in Note 1, in the Town's financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Water and Sewer Department Enterprise Funds to be presented as major enterprise funds and financial information about Water and Sewer Department Enterprise Funds to be part of the business-type activities, thus increasing that activity's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and changing its net position. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the business-type activities is not reasonably determinable. The above noted Business-type Activities have been separately audited by other independent auditors and the related financial statements are available from the Town of Ashland.

### **Adverse Opinion on Reporting Entity**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on Reporting Entity and Qualified Opinion on the Business-type Activities, the financial statements referred to previously do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town as of December 31, 2015, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

### **Qualified Opinion on the Business-type Activities**

In our opinion, except for the effects the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on Reporting Entity and Qualified Opinion on the Business-type Activities, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Business-type Activities as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year

then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, the Major Fund, the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information and the Electric Utility**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Funding Progress, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Contributions, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information appearing on pages 55 through 56 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial state-

ments and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Melanson Heath*

May 12, 2016

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,161,108	\$ 565,480	\$ 2,726,588
Restricted cash	568,725	282,896	851,621
Investments	190,749	-	190,749
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	417,689	-	417,689
User fees	-	250,750	250,750
Departmental and other	8,977	-	8,977
Intergovernmental	162,274	-	162,274
Inventory	-	33,915	33,915
Other assets	962	-	962
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property taxes	89,037	-	89,037
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,447,656	4,200	1,451,856
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	8,969,756	2,259,295	11,229,051
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>187,747</b>	<b>35,013</b>	<b>222,760</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>14,204,680</b>	<b>3,431,549</b>	<b>17,636,229</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current:			
Accounts payable	42,976	201,830	244,806
Accrued Payroll	11,851	-	11,851
Accrued liabilities	29,371	-	29,371
Due to school district	1,662,751	-	1,662,751
Due to other governments	2,785	-	2,785
Other liabilities	622	-	622
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	123,330	131,213	254,543
Compensated absences	4,022	-	4,022
Capital lease	38,648	-	38,648
Bond premium	6,063	13,553	19,616
Landfill postclosure care costs	14,000	-	14,000
Noncurrent:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,575,379	472,447	2,047,826
Compensated absences, net of current portion	36,201	-	36,201
Capital Lease, net of current portion	55,616	-	55,616
Bond premium, noncurrent	78,819	-	78,819
Landfill postclosure care costs noncurrent	140,000	-	140,000
OPEB liability	555,233	-	555,233
Net pension liability	1,151,746	325,689	1,477,435
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>129,998</b>	<b>62,438</b>	<b>192,436</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>5,659,411</b>	<b>1,207,170</b>	<b>6,866,581</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	10,323,148	1,659,835	11,982,983
Restricted for:			
Special purposes	49,721	-	49,721
Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	54,985	-	54,985
Expendable	138,005	-	138,005
Unrestricted	(2,020,590)	564,544	(1,456,046)
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 8,545,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,224,379</b>	<b>\$ 10,769,648</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**Additional Offices:**

Nashua, NH  
Andover, MA  
Greenfield, MA  
Ellsworth, ME

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners  
Ashland Electric Department  
Ashland, New Hampshire

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ashland Electric Department (the Department) (an enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Ashland Electric Department's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of

the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Ashland Electric Department, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

The financial statements of Ashland Electric Department are intended to represent the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows, of only that portion of the business-type activities of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire that is attributable to the transactions of Ashland Electric Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with

management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Melanson Heath*

May 12, 2016

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT  
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

**ASSETS**

Current:

Cash and short-term investments	\$ 565,480
Restricted cash	282,896
User fees, net of allowance for uncollectibles	250,750
Inventory	33,915

Noncurrent:

Capital assets:

Land and construction in progress	4,200
Other assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,259,295

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

35,013

**TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED  
OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

3,431,549

**LIABILITIES**

Current:

Accounts payable	201,830
Other current liabilities	13,553
Current portion of long-term liabilities:	
Bonds payable	131,213

Noncurrent:

Bonds payable, net of current portion	472,447
Net pension liability	325,689

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

62,438

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED  
INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

1,207,170

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	1,659,835
Unrestricted	<u>564,544</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,224,379</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT  
TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,  
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Charges for services	\$ 2,805,897
Street lighting	36,196
Other	<u>188,298</u>
Total Operating Revenues	3,030,391
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Administration	121,355
Power purchase	1,963,028
Payroll and related	353,376
Operations	104,988
Depreciation	<u>130,253</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,673,000</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	357,391
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</b>	
Investment income	1,612
Interest expense	<u>(16,836)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	<u>(15,224)</u>
Change in Net Position	342,167
Net Position at Beginning of Year, as restated	<u>1,882,212</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 2,224,379</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Graham & Graham, P.C.**  
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**Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Commissioners  
Town of Ashland, New Hampshire  
Water and Sewer Utility Funds  
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water and Sewer Utility Funds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Water and Sewer Utility Funds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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**Other Matters**

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Water and Sewer Utility Funds and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2015, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

*Graham & Graham, P.C.*

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July 5, 2016

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**TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUNDS**

**December 31, 2015**

	<b><u>WATER UTILITY</u></b>	<b><u>SEWER UTILITY</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 189,443	\$ 930,069	\$ 1,119,512
Receivables, net of allowance	7,630	7,775	15,405
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,309,711</u>	<u>1,901,485</u>	<u>5,211,196</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>3,506,784</u>	<u>2,839,329</u>	<u>6,346,113</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	624	2,741	3,365
Customer deposits payable	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>724</u>	<u>2,741</u>	<u>3,465</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets	3,309,711	1,901,485	5,211,196
Unrestricted	<u>196,349</u>	<u>935,103</u>	<u>1,131,452</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>3,506,060</u>	<u>2,836,588</u>	<u>6,342,648</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 3,506,784</u>	<u>\$ 2,839,329</u>	<u>\$ 6,346,113</u>



# OUTSIDE AGENCIES



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## Activity Detail Report

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Ashland, NH

Commodity	Pickup Date	Release #	Lbs.	Net Tons	Gross Tons	Units	Price	Haul Charge	Revenue	Program Expenses	Net Revenue/Expenses
Baling Wire	3/25/16	201057				6	\$60.060	\$82.35			\$442.71
Baling Wire	10/4/16	209131				6	\$60.060	\$82.35			\$442.71
<b>Subtotals</b>								\$164.70			885.42
Electronics - Television	1/12/16	196820	6,344	3.17	2.83	1	\$0.145	\$105.00			\$1,024.88
Electronics - Television	5/23/16	203135	4,366	2.18	1.95	1	\$0.145	\$105.00			\$738.07
Electronics - Television	5/23/16	203135	262	0.13	0.12	1	\$0.270				\$70.74
Electronics - Television	10/12/16	209102	4,273	2.14	1.91	1	\$0.145	\$105.00			\$724.59
Electronics - Television	10/12/16	209102	712	0.36	0.32	1	\$0.270				\$192.24
<b>Subtotals</b>			15,957	7.98	7.12			\$315.00			2,750.52
Electronics Fuel Surcharge	1/12/16	196820				1	\$15.000				\$15.00
Electronics Fuel Surcharge	5/23/16	203135				1	\$15.000				\$15.00
Electronics Fuel Surcharge	10/12/16	209102				1	\$14.000				\$14.00
<b>Subtotals</b>											44.00
Fibers-Mixed Baled	8/2/16	FB0816076	45,520	22.76	20.32	37	\$65.000		\$1,479.40		
<b>Subtotals</b>			45,520	22.76	20.32				1,479.40		
Fibers-OCC Baled	2/9/16	910395	19,000	9.50	8.48	1	\$75.000		\$712.50		
Fibers-OCC Baled	7/19/16	FB0716101	39,780	19.89	17.76	44	\$105.000		\$2,088.45		
Fibers-OCC Baled	11/29/16	916655	40,001	20.00	17.86	1	\$110.000		\$2,200.06		
<b>Subtotals</b>			98,781	49.39	44.10				5,001.01		
Plas.-HDPEmc bale	7/12/16	204656	3,831	1.92	1.71	6	\$0.138		\$526.76		
Plas.-HDPEmc bale	11/10/16	210260	1,913	0.96	0.85	3	\$0.168		\$320.43		
<b>Subtotals</b>			5,744	2.87	2.56				847.19		

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report date: 1/17/2017

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Plas.-HDPE nat bale	7/12/16	204656	2,661	1.33	1.19	3	\$0.338		\$898.09		
Plas.-HDPE nat bale	11/10/16	210260	1,639	0.82	0.73	2	\$0.228		\$372.87		
<b>Subtotals</b>			4,300	2.15	1.92				1,270.96		
Plas.-PETE bale	7/12/16	204656	7,116	3.56	3.18	15	\$0.048		\$338.01		
Plas.-PETE bale	11/10/16	210260	4,873	2.44	2.18	10	\$0.038		\$182.74		
<b>Subtotals</b>			11,989	5.99	5.35				520.75		
Propane - 20# Damaged	9/15/16	207559				16	\$0.000		\$0.00		
<b>Subtotals</b>									0.00		
Propane- 20#	9/15/16	207559				58	\$1.500		\$87.00		
<b>Subtotals</b>									87.00		
Propane- 30#	9/15/16	207559				2	\$4.000		\$8.00		
<b>Subtotals</b>									8.00		
Propane-Misc.	9/15/16	207559				1	\$4.000		\$4.00		
<b>Subtotals</b>									4.00		
Propane-Trans.	9/15/16	207559				1	\$0.000	\$25.00	\$25.00		
<b>Subtotals</b>								\$25.00		\$25.00	
Steel Cans-Loose	3/9/16	200282	3,720	1.86	1.66	1	\$70.000		\$116.25		
Steel Cans-Loose	3/9/16	200284	4,640	2.32	2.07	1	\$70.000		\$145.00		
Steel Cans-Loose	12/1/16	211889	3,200	1.60	1.43	1	\$78.000		\$111.43		
Steel Cans-Loose	12/1/16	211890	3,080	1.54	1.38	1	\$78.000		\$107.25		
<b>Subtotals</b>			14,640	7.32	6.54				479.93		
Tires-Overized	8/3/16	206355	300	0.15	0.13	2	\$80.000		\$160.00		

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Commodity	Pickup Date	Release #	Lbs.	Net Tons	Gross Tons	# of Units	Price	Haul Charge	Revenue	Program Expenses	Net Revenue/Expenses
Tires-Overized	8/3/16	206355	75	0.04	0.03	1	\$35,000				\$35.00
		<b>Subtotals</b>	375	0.19	0.17					195.00	
Tires-Passenger	8/3/16	206355	9,550	4.78	4.26	382	\$1,750				\$668.50
		<b>Subtotals</b>	9,550	4.78	4.26					668.50	
Tires-Truck	8/3/16	206355	405	0.20	0.18	9	\$5,500				\$49.50
		<b>Subtotals</b>	405	0.20	0.18					49.50	
<b>Grand totals</b>			207,261	103.63	92.53				\$9,686.24	\$4,629.94	▲\$5,056.30

Report provided by: Lindsay

report date: 1/17/2017

## CADY 2016 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ASHLAND

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank citizens of the Town of Ashland for your support over the past year—together we are building possibilities, potential, and promise for our youth!

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of so many of our young people. The most responsible and humane strategy is to stop these tragic situations from occurring in the first place. Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy recently stated, “Addiction doesn’t start with prescription drug abuse or heroin use. It starts with alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. If we want to end the epidemic our country is experiencing, then we must put resources on the ground for prevention.” As I write this year’s annual report, I am excited to share information about the progress we have made, together with our community partners, over the past year.

Our non-profit organization exists because our programs work. At CADY we see growth every day in the inspiring faces of our youth as they learn, grow, and thrive—we can only do this vital work with your involvement and support—thank you!

When you invest in CADY you provide the opportunity for local teens to build resiliency through asset-building, high-impact prevention programming such as the Launch Youth Entrepreneurship Program and the Youth Advisory and Advocacy Council as well as through school-based initiatives. And you reclaim futures by giving vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to grow and to turn their lives around through Restorative Justice, our region’s only juvenile court diversion program. Many high-risk youth in Restorative Justice are already struggling with substance use disorders—we know that when we intervene early, we can prevent entry into the addiction pipeline and save lives.

Our outreach work included an ongoing media campaign designed to raise awareness on substance misuse and solutions with submissions to the Hometown Voice, school newsletters, the PennySaver, and the Record Enterprise as well as social networking sites of Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. We also launched a new website ([www.cadyinc.org](http://www.cadyinc.org)) in September with a video library and other outstanding resources for parents and community members. We collaborated with Speare Memorial Hospital on an Opiate and Heroin Media and Outreach Campaign to raise perception of risk and prevent addiction as well as connect those struggling with addiction to regional and statewide resources. We launched a new initiative: *TEACH OUR CHILDREN WELL: The Truth About Drugs* in collaboration with Plymouth Rotary and other key partners to provide a high-impact, powerful learning opportunity for parents and other caregivers in our region.

Beyond our primary prevention mission, our work with the Substance Use Disorders Continuum of Care statewide system included four Naloxone Kit Distribution events; ongoing promotion of the NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line (1-844-711-HELP); providing resources to families of children struggling with addiction through vital information, referrals, and empowering tools to access treatment and recovery and save their children’s lives; roundtables with our federal delegation to communicate local needs to help inform federal legislative activity; and hosting of inspiring keynote speakers at our Annual Regional Prevention Summit in May to bring awareness to our community and partners that prevention works, treatment is effective, and recovery is possible.

While we are grateful for our many successes, we have a long way to go. We know that many worthwhile causes turn to you for support and we want you to know that we are grateful and honored for your ongoing commitment to preventing substance abuse and addiction—thank you.

Sincerely,  
Deb Naro  
Executive Director

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

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EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR  
DISTRICT ONE



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### ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE

As I start my 4<sup>th</sup> year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District I, I am grateful, committed and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Council has supported over \$25 million in contracts for prevention, treatment and recovery programs. In addition, the Council supported several millions of dollars for Law Enforcement Operation of Granite Hammer to interdict and prevent drug smuggling.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I worked to form a nine member Laconia State Property Committee to support the Executive Branch with the future sale of that property. Good news stories include the expansion of Vermont NSA manufacturing into Groveton to create over 70 jobs, the expansion of River Valley Community College into the old Lebanon College building in Lebanon and the new addition of the \$7 million Marine Patrol Headquarters Building in Gilford.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions was completed upon passage by the Legislature and signature of the Governor in June. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or [bwatson@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:bwatson@dot.state.nh.us).

The 2017 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, sustainment of Medicaid expansion, federal health care opportunities and funding, business and workforce development. Again, I'll be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Chris Sununu, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Meagan Rose Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-8787. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you would like at [Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov](mailto:Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov). Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,  
Joe

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot, and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia.

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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### FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2015 – 2016 (FY16)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities per state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning, and economic development. LRPC is primarily funded through local, state, and federal resources. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

#### OUTREACH

- Prepared two maps (three prints of each) of parcels and zoning in Ashland's village center at the request of the Planning Board
- Prepared, printed and delivered Flood Hazard map for Town of Ashland along with digital version on CD-ROM
- Assisted Town of Ashland in coordinating upcoming highway maintenance by NHDOT District 3 on Winona Road with local waterline work that also needs to be done in the same location
- Assisted Ashland's effort to upgrade its Sewer Treatment facilities
- Worked with Ashland Sewer Department to develop a Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) application including meeting with a Brownfield consultant to assist with Packard Mill economic development potential argument
- Printed revised Flood Hazard map for Ashland Fire Department
- Scheduled meeting with Ashland Economic Development Committee
- Reviewed and responded to a municipal request for information related to highway acquisition
- Followed up with other officials as needed
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the town at considerable savings

## REGIONAL SERVICES

- Hosted the June 27, 2016 Commissioners Annual Meeting held at the Wolfeboro Inn in Wolfeboro NH, with featured speaker Kathleen Fallon Lambert, Director of the Science and Policy Integration Project, Harvard Forest, Harvard University. Over 100 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and Kathleen Fallon Lambert's presentation of innovative planning techniques
- LRPC hosted NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions' (NHARPC) statewide gathering at Lake Opechee with RPC commissioners from around the state
- LRPC hosted a Water Infrastructure/Source Water Protection presentation with NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for Lakes Region Communities
- Participated in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment debriefing
- Participated in the 2015 Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) NH Conference Leadership for policy and system change
- Hosted "Making Old Water Systems New Again" presentation featuring NHDES
- Created Development of Regional Impact guidelines which were adopted by the Commission.
- Initiated Belknap County Economic Index project with Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) and Plymouth State University (PSU)
- Developed a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Solid Waste & Water grant proposal to provide solid waste technical assistance to Lakes Region Communities
- Worked with NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (NHDRED) Deputy Director and Telecommunications Director to evaluate regional opportunities for Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grant applications
- Continued Circuit Rider assistance for enrolled communities
- Continued development of the Winnepesaukee Gateway website featuring the region's first online dynamic Watershed Management Plan
- Assisted several communities with Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Determinations and worked with neighboring communities to provide comments regional impacts to be mitigated;
- Worked with Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), North Country Resource Conservation and Development (NCRC&D), Town of Meredith, and NHDES officials to develop initial scope for a 604(b) septic assessment model plan focusing on Lake Winnepesaukee
- Preserved 40-year old future land use maps with lamination.
- Scanned hundreds of large-format maps to share with communities and post on website
- Worked on certification to establish LRPC as official Local Development District (LDD) to assist with Northern Border Regional Commission application and administration
- Provided Geographic Information System (GIS) Services and Technical Land Use Assistance to communities
- Assisted Lakes Region communities in developing and updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for acceptance by NH Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Convened several Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) meetings



## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

- Handled over 21,000 gallons of Hazardous Substances from 2,145 Households in 24 Communities to safeguard the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

## **EDUCATION**

- Convened five regular Commission meetings and facilitated discussions on: Drinking Water Issues and Available Resources, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Process, Transportation Initiatives and Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act (FAST act), Invasive Insects and the Health of our Trees, and NH Fish and Game's Wildlife Action Plan
- Provided valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II Brownfield Assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites
- Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning
- Prepared strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys
- Offered facilitation and consensus building on pressing local and regional issues
- Provided access to LRPC resources through our website [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org)
- Created E-News Blasts to keep our communities informed of upcoming events and other regional activities
- Participated in New Hampshire Watershed Manager's Roundtable
- Participated in Winnepesaukee Public Health Council Directors Meetings
- Participated in New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions meetings in Concord

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Assisted the Belknap Economic Development Council BEDC on Brownfield Assessments for the Colonial Theater in Laconia
- Advocated for adoption of the Lakes Angel Investment Network to NH Business Finance Authority (NHBFA) and Live Free & Start Initiative. The group decided to make it a priority to spur NH economic development along with pursuing charitable donations and state pension fund investment into local projects
- Coordinated meeting with the Deputy Director of NH Department of NHDRED to discuss Northern Border application on broadband and employee shortage affecting many manufacturers in the region

- Created initial partnership with the BEDC and a PSU professor to explore an idea to create a Lakes Region Economic Index for Spring 2016
- Served on NHBFA Board and voted on over \$25 million in bond issues as well as continued administration of the NHDES Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including BEDC, Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region
- Continued to work with area economic development organizations and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Prepared Lakes Tour Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan and continued working with the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to conduct outreach to area organizations
- Provided transportation mapping services and technical land use assistance to our communities
- Conducted annual traffic counts at approximately 140 locations around the region, as well as ten counts during Motorcycle Week and four municipal speed and volume counts for local law enforcement officials
- Prepared and coordinated the submission of three Road Safety Audit applications to improve intersection safety
- Organized and testified on behalf of Lakes Region Transportation priorities at the regional Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation hearing
- Participated in the Safe Routes to School and Highway Safety Improvement Program for statewide committees
- Responded to many municipal requests for transportation assistance including review of road design standards, corridor safety assessment, and development of educational materials such as the Bicycle and Pedestrian At-A-Glance
- Coordinated and conducted meetings of the regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development
- Worked with one pilot community on the forecasting aspect of the SADES Road Surface Management System, helping the community to effectively budget its pavement maintenance expenses.
- Assisted with the Road Surface Management Systems (RSMS) analysis template update
- Provided assistance to two public transportation groups: The Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council, and the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council
- Updated Transportation Master Plan Chapters for several Lakes Region communities

- Continued work on the Regional Transportation resources webpage
- Printed materials and delivered extra outreach brochures and holders to Regional Coordination Council Transit members for distribution to sites
- Completed culvert inventories in Gilford and Laconia
- Conducted catch basin inventories in Alton and Center Harbor
- Initiated regional assessment of transportation impact on water quality
- Initiated regional assessment of regional bike-ability including gaps in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the region

### **Annual Report 2016**

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past calendar year:

- Jim Frohn completed the County Forest timber sale. 1,418 cords were harvested for a net revenue of \$36,673 (127% of projected) and \$2,963 in tax revenue for the town of Haverhill.
- Michal Lunak continued work on a three year research project funded by the Tillotson Charitable Foundation looking at the economic feasibility of producing dairy beef in the North Country.
- Lisa Ford taught 350 youth about food groups, food safety, and physical activity.
- Donna Lee received a grant to fund an undergraduate Student Intern to host a Sheep Exploration Day for youth in the county and assist with 4-H activities at the North Haverhill Fair.
- Geoffrey Sewake collaborated on the New Hampshire First Impressions Program in Littleton using a secret shopper model to advance community development and on a multi-partner workforce-focused business outreach program in Lincoln and Woodstock.
- Jessica Sprague presented Safety Awareness in the Food Environment training to over 217 food service employees and volunteers and taught ServSafe® classes to 93 individuals.
- Heather Bryant collaborated with the Grafton County Farm and Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on a cover crop demonstration at the Farm.
- With help from Becky Colpitts, Grafton County welcomed 13 new Master Gardener volunteers.

**Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu)**

Respectfully submitted: Heather Bryant, County Office Administrator

# **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE** **DISTRICT**

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## **2016 Annual Report**

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 161 households participated in the program – down from last year's high of 269. It was estimated that over 11,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$22,348. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,587, and received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste. The net expenditures for the program were \$11,761 (a cost of \$.42 per resident).

In 2017, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 27th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

The district also coordinated a fluorescent light bulb collection and recycling program, which involved all member towns. This year roughly 41,410 linear feet of fluorescent tubes was collected, as well as 2,785 compact fluorescent bulbs, and 258 pounds of ballasts and batteries. The total cost for this effort was \$2,830.21 covered by district dues.

Prices paid for processed recyclables have been on the upswing over the last few months, so revenues for transfer stations should see some improvement compared to last year; however, they are still below the prices seen a few years ago. The composition of recyclable materials has also been changing. Containers are getting lighter, and many items, such as fruit juices and laundry detergent, are now being packaged in non-recyclable bags rather plastic bottles. So it's taking more effort to get full loads. When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling

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equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org).

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at [pemibakerswd@yahoo.com](mailto:pemibakerswd@yahoo.com)

Respectively Submitted,  
Regan Pride, Secretary

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# **2017 WARRANT AND BUDGET**



TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MINUTES OF DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
FEBRUARY 4, 2017

In accordance with the legally posted warrant Moderator Glenn Dion called the Deliberative Session to order at 1 PM on February 4, 2017. Officials at the head table were Board of Selectmen Frances Newton, Stephen Felton, Kathleen Maher, Harold Lamos; Town Administrator Charlie Smith; Attorney Jae Whitelaw; Budget Committee members Sandra Coleman, Jeanette Stewart, Mardean Badger, David Ruell; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Moderator Glenn Dion.

Moderator Dion read the names of those who had filed for office:

**ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board of Selectmen – three year term - vote for two	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Town Treasurer – three year term - vote for one	Linda Guyotte
Town Moderator – two year term – vote for one	
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – three year term – vote for one	Richard Pare
Library Trustee – three year term – vote for one	David Ruell
Electric Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Jamie Lyford
Water and Sewer Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Budget Committee – three year term – vote for three	Jeanette Stewart
 Budget Committee – two year term – vote for one	
Cemetery Trustee – three year term – vote for one	Sherrie Downing
Cemetery Trustee – two year term – vote for one	Kyle Baert

Moderator Dion read Article 2 for discussion:

**ARTICLE 2** No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.34

*Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,971,900) for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road, with Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$310,173) to come from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund; and to authorize the issuance of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$1,661,727) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; further to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project.

3/5 ballot vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4



**Article was read, discussion ensued, no amendments proposed, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.**

Moderator Dion read Article 3 for discussion:

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**ARTICLE 3 PETITIONED. Library Building** No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.18

*Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$625,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which five hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$525,000) is for the purchase of the building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund for that purpose.

3/5 ballot vote required for SB2

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

**Motion to amend made by Alice Staples, second Mardean Badger –**

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***Amendment was discussed, amendment was passed by hand vote, announced that the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

***\*\*Motion by Bobbi Hoerter to waive reading of each article, second by Sandra Coleman, passed by hand vote.***

**ARTICLE 4.** No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.34

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$491,000 for a fire engine? Of such sum One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to be used as the first year's payment. Lease purchase agreement to be contingent upon having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:7-e.

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The remaining balance to be paid in five annual payments of Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$79,849) commencing in 2018.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***Steve Heath made a motion, seconded by Fran Newton to amend article to read: "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$533,403.31 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33-7-e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-three thousand seven hundred eighty nine dollars and eighty five cents [\$53,789.85] as a down payment for that purpose?"***

***The amendment was discussed, the vote on the amendment was declared passed by hand vote, and the moderator announced that the article will appear on the ballots as amended.***

**ARTICLE 5.** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Transportation Alternative Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for Reconstruction of Sidewalks to bring them into compliance with ADA standards, and to construct new sidewalks on Main Street (US Rt. 3/25); and to partially fund this appropriation with a \$320,000 NHDOT Transportation Alternatives grant already awarded to the Town, with the balance of \$80,000 to come from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

***This article was discussed, no amendments offered, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.***

## **ARTICLE 6. Estimated Tax Impact is \$7.35**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,606,104. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,600,288 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3 with 1 Abstain

***No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

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### **ARTICLE 7.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,181,053. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,181,053 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0 with 2 Abstain

***Motion by Mark Ober to amend the default budget figure was found to be out of order as the default figure can not be changed.***

***Following discussion, the article would appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

### **ARTICLE 8.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$202,906. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$240,901 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 9.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$322,018. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$392,392 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***No discussion on the article, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 10.** Estimated Tax Impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the third-year payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Following discussion, the article would appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 11.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the final payment of the five-year lease/purchase for the Public Works Department Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 12.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

***Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam, seconded by Bobbi Hoerter to amend the article to add – “that the planning board act in an advisory capacity to the board of selectmen in deciding how to assign funds of the road improvements capital reserve funds”***

***Vote on the amendment failed by hand vote; the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.***

**ARTICLE 13.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 14.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

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**ARTICLE 15.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 16.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Not to recommend by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 17.** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015. This article will be null and void if warrant article 3 passes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 18.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam, seconded by Sherrie Downing to increase the \$1000 to \$2500. The amendment was discussed, vote on the amendment failed by hand vote.***

***The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 19.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08

**SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement)**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level

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Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	*Based on 9 months, year starts in April
2017	\$19,481	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2018	\$34,881	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2019	\$10,019	

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,481 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

## **ARTICLE 20. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Shall the Town of Ashland, if **Article 19** is defeated, authorize the governing body to call a special meeting, at its option, to address **Article 19** cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

## **ARTICLE 21. LCHIP Grant      Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

***Motion by Katie Maher, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article by inserting after "future use" "engineering and architectural costs associated with preparing draft plans"***

***Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote; the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

## **ARTICLE 22. Automobile Registration Fee**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to TOWN OF ASHLAND DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES FEB 4, 2017 – PAGE 8

designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2017.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

## **ARTICLE 23. Budget Committee**

To see if the town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32, disband the elected Ashland Budget Committee, and instead establish a Budget Advisory Committee

consisting of 5 members who will review and report to the citizens of Ashland on the budget process. These members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

***Motion to amend article made by Sandra Coleman, seconded by Jeanette Stewart to read – To see if the town will vote to retain Municipal Budget Committee under RSA Chapter 32 and reduce the municipal budget committee from 7 elected at large to 5 elected members at large.***

***The moderator declared that this amendment was not legal. The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant.***

**\*\* Motion by Anthony Randall, seconded by Rick Pare to end all discussion and not to reconsider articles 1-23.**

#### **ARTICLE 24. Veteran Property Tax Credit**

Shall the town adopt the “all veterans’ property tax credit” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$250, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

#### **ARTICLE 25. Electric Commissioners**

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to be responsible for the management and control of its operations, subject to the following responsibilities prescribed under RSA 38:18:

1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

***Moved by Lee Nichols, seconded by Sandra Coleman to amend article to read – To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Commissioner of the Municipal Electric Department to be responsible for the management and control of its operations as prescribed under RSA 38:18***



*This amendment failed by hand vote.*

*Moved by Fran Newton, seconded by Katie Maher, to amend the article to read – To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to comply with the following conditions:*

- 1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.*
- 2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.*
- 3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.*

*Discussion – the question was moved by Bobbi Hoerter, seconded by Eli Badger. This amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.*

#### **ARTICLE 26. Water and Sewer Commissioners**

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to be responsible for the management and control of its operations, subject to the following responsibilities prescribed under RSA 38:18:

- 4. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.*
- 5. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.*
- 6. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

*Moved by Fran Newton, seconded by Katie Maher, to amend the article to read – To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to comply with the following conditions:*

- 7. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.*
- 8. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.*
- 9. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.*

*Question moved by Tom Peters, seconded by Jane Sawyer  
This amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.*

**ARTICLE 27 PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2016, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 121 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 39 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$71,972.68.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Following presentation, no amendments, and the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 28 PETITIONED. Pemi-Baker Community Health** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$9,686) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$4.65) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and underinsured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.]

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.***

**ARTICLE 29 PETITIONED. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 30 PETITIONED. VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 31 PETITIONED. GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 32 PETITIONED. BRIDGE HOUSE SHELTER & VETERANS ADVOCACY**

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to support the services of The Bridge Houses Shelter & Veterans Advocacy

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 33 PETITIONED. COMMUNITIES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE YOUTH (CADY)**

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 34 PETITIONED. PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)**

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the towns share of the operations of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC). These funds are used for testing the river throughout the spring, summer and into fall. Also, inspecting sites being developed within one quarter mile of the river as requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This involves testimony regarding Northern Pass project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 35 PETITIONED. IMPLEMENT TAX CAP**

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap, whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes by more than 2%?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

3/5 majority vote required for passage

***Motion made by Steve Felton, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article to read – shall the town agree to authorize the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to study the implementation of a tax cap under 32:5-b.***

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***Amendment failed by hand vote.***

***Question moved by Rick Pare, seconded by Tom Peters***

***The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 36 PETITIONED. DAY AWAY PROGRAM** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia, whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the participant to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

***Following discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.***

**ARTICLE 37 PETITIONED. TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines. If this article passes this amount will be included in the operating budget in future years.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

***Motion made by Pat Tucker, seconded by Anne Abear to amend the article to read - To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.***

***Motion by Tejasinha Sivalingam to change longevity to salary – no second***

***Question moved by Anne Abear, seconded by Pat Tucker***

***Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

**ARTICLE 38 PETITIONED. TOWN TREASURER** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Treasurer to be added to and divided between the Town and utility departments. If this article passes this amount will be included in the operating budget in future years.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1 and 1 Abstain

***Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Jane Sawyer to amend the article to read - To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.***

***Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

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#### **ARTICLE 39 PETITIONED. TOWN MANAGER**

Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

***Following discussion, no amendments, and the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

#### **ARTICLE 40 PETITIONED. ASHLAND 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to help defray costs of fireworks and other events to be held in 2018 in connection with the sesquicentennial of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2 and 1 Abstain

***Motion made by Jane Sawyer, seconded by Jeanette Stewart to amend the article to read “to be placed in a non-lapsing fund”. Legal counsel stated that this amendment cannot be accepted.***

***The article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**\*\* Motion by Anthony Randall, seconded by Fran Newton to end all discussion and not to reconsider articles 24-40.**

***Motion passed by hand vote.***

#### **ARTICLE 41 PETITIONED. OPPOSITION TO ‘NORTHERN PASS’**

We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of “Article 27- PETITIONER ARTICLE – Northern Pass” as cited in the 2012 annual report on page 25. Further, we once again register our objection to, opposition to, and commitment to prevent the construction of High Voltage Transmission Line commonly referred as ‘Northern Pass’; and mandate that the Board of Selectmen, the Ashland Water and Sewer Commission, the Ashland Electric Commission, the

Ashland Planning Board, the Ashland Conservation Commission, and all such governing and administrative bodies and offices of the Town of Ashland actively support the people of the Town of Ashland in their objection, opposition, and commitment to stop 'Northern Pass.'

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

***Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Fran Newton to amend the article to read:***

***We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department, Ashland Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen who are acting on the Town's behalf for the protection of Ashland's natural resources and assets as intervenors in the State Site Evaluation Committee's (SEC) proceedings under "Docket No. 2015-06" (Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct a New Voltage Transmission Line and Related Facilities in New Hampshire)" relating to the proposed Northern Pass Transmission line.***

***Following discussion the vote on the amendment passed by hand vote and the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

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**ARTICLE 42.** Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 43.** Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "site plan"?

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 44.** Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add "market value if new"?

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written in the warrant***

**ARTICLE 45.** Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations as written below?

***Motion made by Sue MacLeod, seconded by Fran Newton to amend this article to read: Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations to allow Board of Selectmen authority to waive a statutory requirement that with a new extension of sewer line, residents within 100 feet of it would not necessarily have to hook up service until an adequate existing septic system has failed?***

***Vote on the amendment passed by hand vote, the article will appear on the ballot as amended.***

**ARTICLE 46.** Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.***

**ARTICLE 47.** Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the Ashland Building Regulations to again delegate authority to set fees to the Planning Board?

***No discussion, the article will appear on the ballot as written.***

Moderator Dion introduced the zoning questions which will appear on a separate ballot. There were no questions regarding the questions.

There being no further business, Moderator Dion declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Patricia Tucker - Ashland Town Clerk

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2017**

**ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board of Selectmen – three year term - vote for two	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Town Treasurer – three year term - vote for one	Linda Guyotte
Town Moderator – two year term – vote for one	
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds – three year term – vote for one	Richard Pare
Library Trustee – three year term – vote for one	David Ruell
Electric Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Jamie Lyford
Water and Sewer Commissioner – three year term – vote for one	Tejasinha Sivalingam
Budget Committee – three year term – vote for three	Jeanette Stewart
 Budget Committee – two year term – vote for one	
Cemetery Trustee – three year term – vote for one	Sherrie Downing
Cemetery Trustee – two year term – vote for one	Kyle Baert

**ARTICLE 2** No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.34

*Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,971,900) for the purpose of a road and utility reconstruction project on Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road, with Three Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$310,173) to come from the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund; and to authorize the issuance of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$1,661,727) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; further to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project.

3/5 ballot vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

**ARTICLE 3 PETITIONED. Library Building** No Tax Impact in 2017; Estimated Tax impact for 2018 is \$0.18

*Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee*



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$625,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which five hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$525,000) is for the purchase of the land and building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve fund for that purpose.

3/5 ballot vote required for SB2

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-1  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

#### **ARTICLE 4. Estimated Tax impact for \$0.23**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$533,403.31 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33-7-e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-three thousand seven hundred eighty nine dollars and eighty five cents [\$53,789.85] as a down payment for that purpose?

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

#### **ARTICLE 5. Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00**

NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Transportation Alternative Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for Reconstruction of Sidewalks to bring them into compliance with ADA standards, and to construct new sidewalks on Main Street (US Rt. 3/25); and to partially fund this appropriation with a \$320,000 NHDOT Transportation Alternatives grant already awarded to the Town, with the balance of \$80,000 to come from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

## **ARTICLE 6.** Estimated Tax Impact is \$7.35

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,606,104. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,600,288 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-3 with 1 Abstain

## **ARTICLE 7.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,181,053. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,181,053 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-0 with 2 Abstain

## **ARTICLE 8.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$202,906. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$240,901 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

## **ARTICLE 9.**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$322,018. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$392,392 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one

special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 10.** Estimated Tax Impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight dollars (\$12,938) for the third-year payment of the four-year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 11.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the final payment of the five-year lease/purchase for the Public Works Department Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 12.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

**ARTICLE 13.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 14.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added into the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund established in 2016 for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repairs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

**ARTICLE 15.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police Department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 16.** Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Not to recommend by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

**ARTICLE 17.** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015. This article will be null and void if warrant article 3 passes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 18.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of covering expenses as needed during the activation of the towns' Emergency Operation Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 19.** Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08

**SEIU Local 1984 (Collective Bargaining Agreement)**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Ashland Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	*Based on 9 months, year starts in April
2017	\$19,481	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2018	\$34,881	
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2019	\$10,019	

And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,481 for the 2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

## **ARTICLE 20. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Shall the Town of Ashland, if **Article 19** is defeated, authorize the governing body to call a special meeting, at its option, to address **Article 19** cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

## **ARTICLE 21. LCHIP Grant**      Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,500 for a Town Hall Planning Study, to evaluate its physical condition and its future use, engineering and architectural costs associated with preparing draft plans and to fund one half of this appropriation by a grant from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$18,250, which has already been awarded to the Town for this purpose, with the required matching amount balance (\$18,250) to have Ten Thousand (\$10,000) come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund and Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$8,250) come from other grants and donations, if available, or from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-0  
Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2

## **ARTICLE 22. Automobile Registration Fee**

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2017.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

## **ARTICLE 23. Budget Committee**

To see if the town will vote to rescind the adoption of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA Chapter 32, disband the elected Ashland Budget Committee, and instead establish a Budget Advisory Committee consisting of 5 members who will review and report to the citizens of Ashland on the budget process. These members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

#### **ARTICLE 24. Veteran Property Tax Credit**

Shall the town adopt the “all veterans’ property tax credit” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$250, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

#### **ARTICLE 25. Electric Commissioners**

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Electric Department to comply with the following conditions:

1. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
3. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

#### **ARTICLE 26. Water and Sewer Commissioners**

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Commissioners of the Municipal Water and Sewer Departments to comply with the following conditions:

4. No additions, subtractions or changes shall be made to Town of Ashland buildings or lands without the written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
5. Provide written and/or independent audited confirmation of compliance to all Town of Ashland regulations, ordinances, policies and contracts.
6. Provide quarterly written reports to the Board of Selectmen on the assets, liabilities, income and expenses (month by month and year to date) for the department, in a format consistent with Town of Ashland reporting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

**ARTICLE 27 PETITIONED. Grafton County Senior Citizens Council** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Service Link support, and more. In FY 2016, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 121 Ashland residents, and Service Link provided services for 39 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$71,972.68.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 28 PETITIONED. Pemi-Baker Community Health** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$9,686) for Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$4.65) per resident based upon recent census data, and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. [Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and underinsured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.]

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 29 PETITIONED. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 30 PETITIONED. VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 31 PETITIONED. GENESIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support emergency services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health to the residents of Ashland

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

**ARTICLE 32 PETITIONED. BRIDGE HOUSE SHELTER & VETERANS ADVOCACY**

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to support the services of The Bridge Houses Shelter & Veterans Advocacy

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 33 PETITIONED. COMMUNITIES FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE YOUTH (CADY)**

**Estimated** Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth (CADY) a non-profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

**ARTICLE 34 PETITIONED. PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PRLAC)**

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the towns share of the operations of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC). These funds are used for testing the river throughout the spring, summer and into fall. Also, inspecting sites being developed within one quarter mile of the river as requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This involves testimony regarding Northern Pass project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-4

**ARTICLE 35 PETITIONED. IMPLEMENT TAX CAP**

Shall the Town of Ashland adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap, whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes by more than 2%?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

3/5 majority vote required for passage

**ARTICLE 36 PETITIONED. DAY AWAY PROGRAM** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit center for those people having Dementia or a



related form of Dementia, whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the participant to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0 and 1 Abstain

**ARTICLE 37 PETITIONED. TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to and divided evenly between the Town Clerk and Tax Collector longevity lines for the ensuing year.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-0

**ARTICLE 38 PETITIONED. TOWN TREASURER** Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for Treasurer to be added to and divided between the Town and utility departments for the ensuing year.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-1

**ARTICLE 39 PETITIONED. TOWN MANAGER**

Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

**ARTICLE 40 PETITIONED. ASHLAND 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to help defray costs of fireworks and other events to be held in 2018 in connection with the sesquicentennial of the Town being planned by the Ashland 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee, which Committee has been established by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-2 and 1 Abstain

**ARTICLE 41 PETITIONED. OPPOSITION TO ‘NORTHERN PASS’**

We the people of the Town of Ashland hereby affirm our continued support of the Ashland Water and Sewer Department, Ashland Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen who are acting on the Town’s behalf for the protection of Ashland’s natural resources and assets as intervenors in the State Site Evaluation Committee’s (SEC) proceedings under “Docket No. 2015-06”

(Joint Application of Northern Pass Transmission LLC and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct a New Voltage Transmission Line and Related Facilities in New Hampshire)” relating to the proposed Northern Pass Transmission line.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

**ARTICLE 42.** Are you in favor of amending Article 1 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

**ARTICLE 43.** Are you in favor of amending Article 2.2 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add “site plan”?

**ARTICLE 44.** Are you in favor of amending Article 3.1 of the Ashland Building Regulations to add “market value if new”?

**ARTICLE 45.** Are you in favor of amending Article 7.3 of the Ashland Building Regulations to allow Board of Selectmen authority to waive a statutory requirement that with a new extension of sewer line, residents within 100 feet of it would not necessarily have to hook up service until an adequate existing septic system has failed?

**ARTICLE 46.** Are you in favor of amending Article 10 of the Ashland Building Regulations?

**ARTICLE 47.** Are you in favor of amending Article 15 of the Ashland Building Regulations to again delegate authority to set fees to the Planning Board?



## Budget of the Town of Ashland

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

### THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT

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### BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
DAVID RUEL	<i>David Ruel</i>
HAROLD S. LARSEN	<i>Harold S. Larsen</i>
JEANETTE J. STEWART	<i>Jeanette J. Stewart</i>
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CHRISTINE CULLEY	<i>Christine Culley</i>

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# Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article	Appropriation	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Select Committee		Recommendations		Total Available	Total Available	Total Available
					Appropriations	Expenditures	Appropriations	Expenditures			
					(Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Recommended)			
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	06	\$206,675	\$195,981	\$210,046		\$209,146		\$900		\$900
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$44,814	\$41,627	\$38,495		\$37,695		\$800		\$800
4150-4151	Financial Administration	06	\$112,023	\$108,723	\$114,370		\$113,795		\$575		\$575
4152	Revaluation of Property	06	\$48,110	\$38,924	\$48,110		\$47,811		\$299		\$299
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$15,000	\$16,235	\$20,000		\$20,000		\$0		\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	06	\$8,857	\$4,276	\$15,123		\$5,123		\$10,000		\$10,000
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$37,356	\$28,525	\$34,204		\$28,104		\$6,100		\$6,100
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$50	\$0	\$300		\$300		\$0		\$0
4196	Insurance	06	\$128,407	\$122,233	\$140,248		\$140,248		\$0		\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
4199	Other General Government	06	\$500	\$417	\$500		\$251		\$249		\$249
4210-4214	Police	06	\$560,974	\$523,799	\$565,162		\$565,162		\$0		\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$48,510	\$47,708	\$48,996		\$48,996		\$0		\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$233,245	\$212,892	\$234,158		\$234,158		\$0		\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	06	\$13,996	\$15,316	\$21,003		\$20,503		\$500		\$500
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$3,000	\$4,550	\$3,000		\$3,000		\$0		\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
4311	Administration	06	\$252,875	\$307,600	\$259,514		\$259,514		\$0		\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$278,674	\$256,317	\$287,544		\$286,544		\$1,000		\$1,000
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000		\$42,000		\$0		\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0

Account Code	Description	Warrant Number	Appropriation		Actual	Encumbrance		Selections		Budget		Budget
			Object Class	Activity		Encumbrance	Available	Appropriation	Encumbrance	Appropriation	Encumbrance	
4321	Administration				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06		\$139,646	\$139,673	\$130,683	\$0	\$130,683	\$0	\$130,683	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Pollution and Treatment</b>												
4331	Administration			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>												
4351-4352	Administration and Generation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health</b>												
4411	Administration	06		\$2,354	\$2,009	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,254	\$0	\$100
4414	Pest Control	06		\$2,000	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other			\$27,985	\$27,985	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>												
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	06		\$9,508	\$6,618	\$29,478	\$0	\$29,478	\$0	\$14,478	\$0	\$15,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other			\$20,000	\$2,283	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>												
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	06		\$103,812	\$90,496	\$132,134	\$0	\$132,134	\$0	\$130,484	\$0	\$1,650
4530-4539	Library	06		\$61,340	\$61,340	\$62,166	\$646	\$62,166	\$646	\$62,812	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06		\$28,839	\$23,340	\$11,689	\$0	\$11,689	\$0	\$11,689	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Natural Resources</b>												
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	06		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$100

Account Code	Description	Vendor's Article #	Approved by DRB	Actual Expenditure Year	Estimated Expenditure (Recommending)	Actual Expenditure Year	Estimated Expenditure (Recommending)	Actual Expenditure Year	Estimated Expenditure (Recommending)	Actual Expenditure Year	Estimated Expenditure (Recommending)	Actual Expenditure Year	Estimated Expenditure (Recommending)
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service</b>													
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	06	\$123,331	\$123,330	\$124,331	\$123,331	\$124,331	\$123,331	\$124,331	\$123,331	\$124,331	\$123,331	\$124,331
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	06	\$67,747	\$68,397	\$63,997	\$67,747	\$68,397	\$63,997	\$63,997	\$67,747	\$68,397	\$63,997	\$63,997
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	06	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>													
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$41,127	\$102,916	\$0	\$41,127	\$102,916	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Expenditures - Transfer Funds</b>													
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	07	\$3,162,531	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	09	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$322,018	\$390,000	\$322,018	\$390,000	\$322,018	\$390,000	\$322,018	\$390,000	\$322,018
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	08	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$202,906	\$250,000	\$202,906	\$250,000	\$202,906	\$250,000	\$202,906	\$250,000	\$202,906
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Appropriations</b>													
			\$5,496,287	\$5,450,841	\$5,748,132	\$5,496,287	\$5,748,132	\$5,496,287	\$5,748,132	\$5,496,287	\$5,748,132	\$5,496,287	\$5,748,132

# Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures		Selectmen's Appropriations		Committee's Appropriations		Budget	
			Prd Yr	Approved by DRA	Prd Yr	Prd Yr	Enslng Yr (Recommended)	Enslng Yr (Recommended)	Enslng Yr (Recommended)	Enslng Yr (Recommended)	Prd Yr	Recommended
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	37			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
	<b>Purpose: ARTICLE 37 PETITIONED. TOWN CLERK - TAX COLLECTOR</b>											
4150-4151	Financial Administration	37			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
4150-4151	Financial Administration	38			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,770	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,770
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	27			\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED. TOWN TREASURER</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	28			\$0	\$0	\$9,686	\$0	\$9,686	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Petition Perm-Baker Community Health</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	29			\$0	\$0	\$3,107	\$0	\$3,107	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Petition Tri County Community Action/Grafton Cty</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	30			\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Petitioned. Voices Against Violence</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	31			\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Petition Ganesis Behavioral Health</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	32			\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED. BRIDGE HOUSE SHELTER &amp; VETERANS ADVOC</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	33			\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
	<b>Purpose: Petition CADY</b>											
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	34			\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED. PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COM</b>											
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	40			\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED. ASHLAND 150TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE</b>											
4903	Buildings	03			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$625,000
	<b>Purpose: Library Building</b>											
4903	Buildings	21			\$0	\$0	\$36,500	\$0	\$36,500	\$0	\$0	\$36,500
	<b>Purpose: LCHIP Grant</b>											

4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	02		\$0	\$0	\$1,971,900	\$0	\$0	\$1,971,900
	<b>Purpose: Road Reconstruction Project</b>								
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	38		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$660	\$0	\$660
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED, TOWN TREASURER</b>								
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	38		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$420	\$0	\$420
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED, TOWN TREASURER</b>								
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	38		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$150
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED, TOWN TREASURER</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12		\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13		\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14		\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: DPW Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15		\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Police Department Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16		\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
	<b>Purpose: Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fu</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17		\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18		\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund</b>								
4919	To Agency Funds	36		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
	<b>Purpose: PETITIONED, DAY AWAY PROGRAM</b>								
<b>Special Article: Reauthorized</b>				\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,250,000

Individual Warrant Articles



Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Fiscal Year	Appropriation	Actuals	Sequestration		Budget		Budget
					Appropriation	Sequestration	Original	Revised	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	19	\$0	\$0	\$2,324	\$0	\$2,324	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</b>								
4210-4214	Police	19	\$0	\$0	\$11,419	\$0	\$11,419	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</b>								
4311	Administration	19	\$0	\$0	\$5,738	\$0	\$5,738	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Collective Bargaining Agreement</b>								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$12,938	\$0	\$12,938	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: 3rd year Lease Payment escape clause mini loader</b>								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	11	\$0	\$0	\$28,189	\$0	\$28,189	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Lease/purchase final payment PWD Loader</b>								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: Lease/Purchase Fire Engine</b>								
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
	<b>Purpose: NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Transporta</b>								
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$535,608	\$0	\$535,608	\$0	\$0

# Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Variable Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selected Item's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	06	\$0	\$1	\$1
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	06	\$5,529	\$1,500	\$1,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	06	\$59,485	\$59,485	\$59,485
3187	Excavation Tax	06	\$0	\$1	\$1
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	06	\$51,052	\$45,000	\$45,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	06	\$1,279	\$1,379	\$1,379
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	06	\$357,409	\$340,934	\$340,934
3230	Building Permits	06	\$13,313	\$10,744	\$10,744
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	06	\$3,776	\$4,196	\$4,196
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$4,000	\$0	\$0
3351	Shared Revenues		\$14,147	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	06	\$107,763	\$107,000	\$107,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	06	\$57,157	\$57,157	\$57,157
3354	Water Pollution Grant	06	\$32,481	\$14,147	\$14,147
3355	Housing and Community Development	21	\$0	\$18,250	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	06	\$30	\$29	\$29
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$696	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	06	\$809	\$32,196	\$32,196
3379	From Other Governments	05	\$0	\$320,000	\$320,000
3401-3406	Income from Departments	06	\$41,126	\$38,550	\$38,550
3409	Other Charges	06	\$100,546	\$120,495	\$120,495
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	06	\$3,788	\$3,500	\$3,500

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue	Budget Committee Estimated Revenue
3503-3509	Other	06	\$37,192	\$101	\$101
<b>Other Fund (3503-3509) Totals: \$37,192</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	07	\$3,162,531	\$3,181,053	\$3,181,053
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	09	\$390,000	\$322,018	\$322,018
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	08	\$250,000	\$202,906	\$202,906
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	05, 21, 02, 04	\$147,079	\$525,173	\$205,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Fund (3912-3917) Totals: \$1,467,518</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	02	\$0	\$1,661,727	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,661,727</b>	<b>\$7,667,597</b>	<b>\$5,067,397</b>

## Budget Summary

Item	Order Year Adopted Budget	Selection's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$6,396,375	\$6,348,133	\$6,311,506
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$443,985	\$2,335,393	\$302,193
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$41,127	\$585,608	\$585,608
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$6,881,487	\$9,269,134	\$7,199,307
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,776,829	\$7,067,542	\$5,067,392
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,104,658	\$2,201,592	\$2,131,915

# Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$7,199,307</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$124,331
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$63,997
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions ( <i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i> )	\$188,328
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)</b>	<b>\$7,010,979</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions ( <i>Line 7 x 10%</i> )	\$701,098
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount ( <i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i> )	\$0
<b>Mandatory Water &amp; Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):</b>	
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount ( <i>Difference of Lines 12 and 13</i> )	\$0
<b>15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</b>	<b>\$7,900,405</b>

## NOTES

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
February 4	Deliberative Session 1 PM – Ashland School Gym
March 1	Deadline for Tax Abatements
March 14	Official Balloting Day 8AM – 7PM – Ashland School Gym
April 1	All Real Property Assessed to Owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational, and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2015-2016 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2016 year
April 30	2016 Dog Tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2017 Tax Bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2017 Tax Bill due
December 31	Fiscal Year Ends

## **MEETING SCHEDULES**

### **Subject to change with notice**

Board of Selectmen	First Monday of the Month
Work Session	Second Monday of the Month
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM at Ashland School Library
Work Session	Third Wednesday 6:30PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as Needed – Posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6:30PM – Town Office
Housing Standards	Second Wednesday of the Month 4PM – Fire Station
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month – 6PM – Location TBA
Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday – 7PM-Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First /Third Tuesday – 7PM –Utility Office